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HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND WINS**

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JANUARY 2022

Hello everyone,

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

As I end my second term as president, I want to thank the membership and the board for your support. You all made my job easy. A special thank you to the committee chairs who worked tirelessly for the club. The specialties went flawlessly thanks to the hard work of Laurie Maulucci, Tiffany Cross, Helen Cross, Pat Ciampa, and Marcia Roddy. I heard many compliments on our trophies. Results are elsewhere in this issue.

A special thank you to Carol Urick for starting *Daneline Reimagined* and making it into a wonderful, timely publication that reflects the membership. I hope everyone will continue to contribute to each issue.

We are very sad at the loss of our good friend Paul Bowman. Paul will be remembered for his devotion to helping those less fortunate and for his love of our beloved breed.

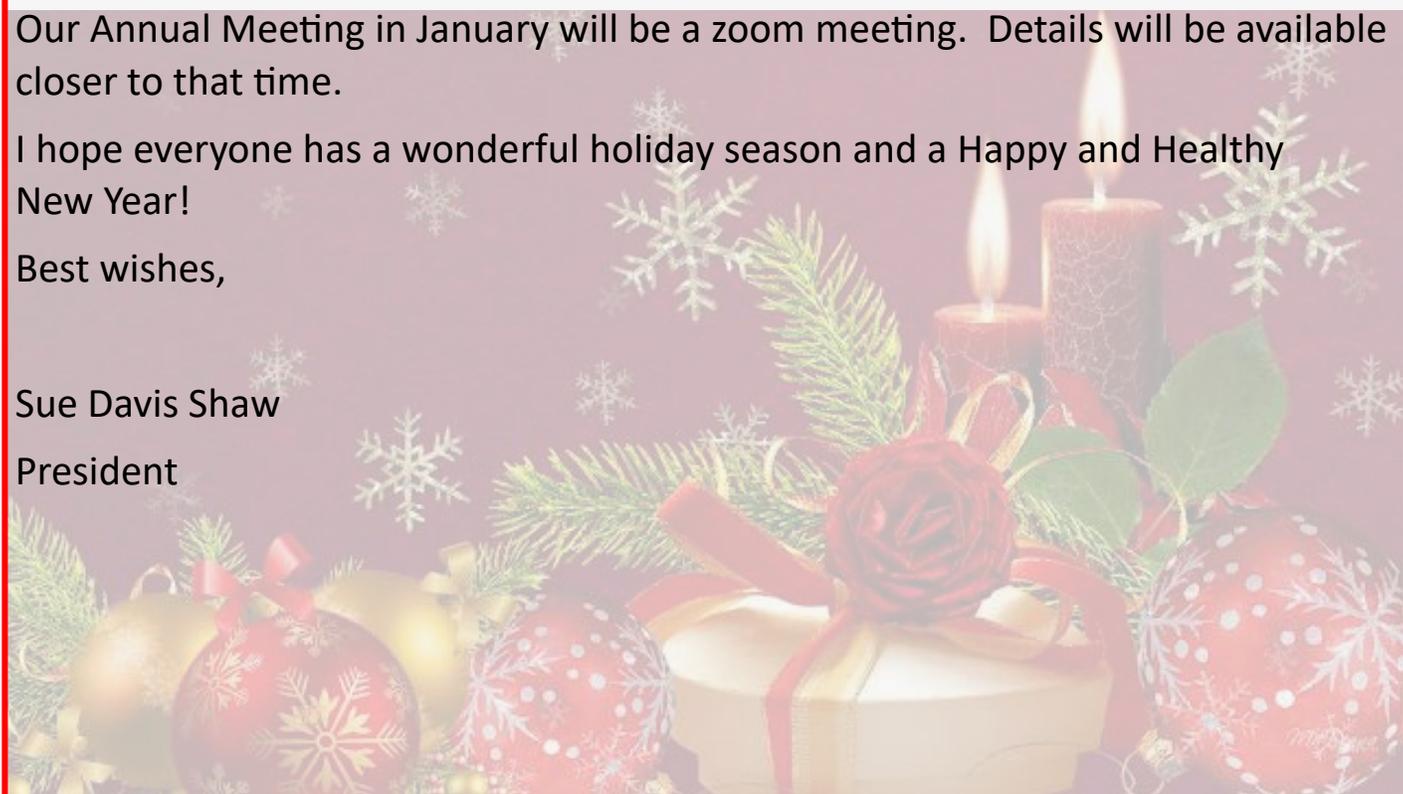
Our Annual Meeting in January will be a zoom meeting. Details will be available closer to that time.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best wishes,

Sue Davis Shaw

President





**Ch. Maitau's Better Bring It—Shea**

**And her side kick, Dooney**

**Submitted by Pat**

**Trace and Ali**  
**Submitted by Tiffany**



# GREAT DANE CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND'S JUDGES

## A CONVERSATION WITH NAIDA PARKER

### **How did you get started in dogs in the first place?**

As a kid I rode horseback. My favorite was a palomino. I told my mom I wanted a horse. Her answer was when I grew up I could have what I wanted. I saw a fawn Great Dane. The answer was the same.

### **How did you transition from a love affair with Danes to showing and breeding and/or handling Danes?**

With such big dogs, I started out in obedience because I needed them to behave with me. I took a handling class one summer because obedience took a break over the summer months. It was an introduction. I had a bitch from Chris Glavin, Chanel Danes, Becky. Al Kirby told me I would either take her into conformation or he would.

### **Who were your mentors and people who influenced your breeding program?**

Al Kirby

### **What made you decide you wanted to become a judge?**

I wanted to have a positive impact on the breed beyond my breeding program.

### **How many breeds/groups do you judge?**

Danes only at this point. Maybe more when COVID settles down and now that I'm retired.

### **What do you look for in the ring?**

Form follows function. I look at the overall picture of the stacked dog taking in breed type and structure. We all love a pretty head, but I also want to see proportion, reach, drive, top line, croup, steadiness and confidence

### **What has been your most exciting assignment and why?**

I was asked to judge a Dane Specialty in Canada. It was very flattering to be invited to judge outside the U.S.

### **What excites you the most when judging?**

A really nice moving, handsome dog/pretty bitch. Color to me is only what dress they're wearing. If the dog meets our breed standard, color becomes an accessory. Ears cropped or natural fall into the same category to me. Both are acceptable.

### **What is your biggest pet peeve when judging?**

People who are not paying attention and feel they have to move every foot on their dog - whether they need to or not. And someone who is bending over fixing the rear when I'm coming up to examine the head. Their rear is not what I want to see. I want them to show me the head.

### **How has being a breeder or handler informed your choices in the ring?**

I would like to think it has made me aware of the fine points of our breed and the work that breeders have put into the Danes that I'm considering.

### **Do you have certain philosophies that you maintain as a judge?**

The handler is not the main point. It's the dog. Someone doing an excellent job of showing an average entry doesn't trump a new person with an excellent entry. I'm there to judge the dog.

### **What do you say to exhibitors who feel that judges are political?**

Some are. You want to see how someone judges and decide if you want to spend your money entering under him or her again or not.

### **Do professional handlers make any difference to your decisions/choices in the ring?**

No



**What do you say to exhibitors that feel that show selections are pre-determined or highly influenced?**

Not in my ring.

**What do you say to exhibitors who are walking away from showing because they feel there are too many politics involved?**

They can effect change. Clubs hire judges who draw an entry. If enough exhibitors boycott a judge who is political, clubs won't hire them

**What advise do you have for the folks just starting to show?**

Be there early and watch what your judge is doing. Know the pattern they are using and be prepared. When you are in the ring stay focused on what's going on. No chatting outside the ring. If your thinking about showboating forget it. The judge won't be impressed. Do have your dog in show mode. Just because they are looking at other dogs doesn't mean they don't see you too. Once I was discouraged because my girl was set up perfectly but the judge seemed to be ignoring me. Actually the judge was looking for Reserve as his mind was already made up that I was going to be Winners. Never assume anything until the judge points.

**What advise do you have for new judges or those thinking of applying to judge?**

If you feel you're ready, go for it.

**When you leave a judging assignment, what is it that you hope you have left behind?**

When I leave an assignment, I know that I leave a few happy people and a lot of disappointed people. What do I hope that I leave behind? Exhibitors that could follow what I was looking for and say that I was consistent in my choices. Exhibitors that say I had a good hand on the dogs and showed reasonable patience with novice dogs and/or exhibitors.





Dinro Sounda Oliver Winston

Submitted by Bob



© Pricerentals



Fondly,  
Louis and Bob

# TAKING CONTROL OF HOUSEHOLD TOXINS

BY BETTY LEWIS

"Chemicals have replaced bacteria and viruses as the main threat to health. The diseases we are beginning to see as the major causes of death in the latter part of (the 1900's) and into the 21st century are diseases of chemical origin." - Dr. Dick Irwin, Toxicologist, Texas A&M University

When I first started to research this topic, I was quickly overwhelmed. The list of potential toxins is \*so\* long! But, the internet to the rescue! I found a few great web-site resources to pass along to you. The first is called Consumer Products Database (CPID.)

<https://www.whatsinproducts.com/brands/index/1>

It's not too difficult to use. I put in "Dawn Dish Soap" and got a list of 1728 brands in alphabetical order. You can put the product name in the search box, or click on the alphabet list. Then click on the product, and it gives you a bunch of information, including the Safety Data Sheet the manufacturer must provide. Keep this site bookmarked and you'll be able to quickly research anything you may question.

The second one is [ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org), the Environmental Working Group. This is how they describe themselves: "EWG's mission is to empower people to live healthier lives in a healthier environment. EWG is a non-profit and not partisan organization."

They publish several guides, including the one I like best, the Dirty Dozen. <https://www.ewg.org/consumer-guides> I use them most often for personal care products. <https://www.ewg.org/skindeep/>

The third site is Guide to Less Toxic Products <http://www.lesstoxicguide.ca/>. This site will give you brand name alternatives for different products as well as some homemade alternatives.

One issue deserves special mention. It is the chemical xylitol. It's in a lot of products as a sugar substitute, but it's also in products you might not expect, like tooth-paste. Here is one short article to make you more aware of this ingredient which is lethal to dogs. Xylitol can kill a dog by triggering a drop in blood sugar.

[http://petcare.suite101.com/article.cfm/how\\_to\\_avoid\\_xylitol\\_poisoning\\_in\\_dogs#ixzz0aLpQayRh](http://petcare.suite101.com/article.cfm/how_to_avoid_xylitol_poisoning_in_dogs#ixzz0aLpQayRh)

January 2022, a good time to make the resolution to be less toxic than in years past. My wish for you and all your animals in the coming year is that you are all "healthy, wealthy and wise."



Buck—submitted  
by Sue

**They'll  
think  
Santa  
ate  
them.**

## BRAGS

**ILAH - MBISS GCH COSMIC NOBONZ I'LL LEAVE YOU STARRY EYE'D,  
GDCA AOM**



**Award of Merit Winner**

**2021 GDCA National Specialty - Judge Dr. Tracy Powell**

**(LEO) MBIS MBISS BIF GCHP MJM's Talk Of The Town, GDCA AOM X**

**(ROMA) MBISS GCHB Cosmic JV NoBonz Stealing the Starlight, GDCA AOM**

**Bred and Owned by Tami Bradford and Karen Pacino**

**Co owned by Wally Bradford and Allison Gallant**

## BRAGS

### SEREN - DAPPER COSMIC NOBONZ STARLIGHT SERENATA



Winner Bitch/ Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex

Greater Lowell KC - Mrs. Sharon Ann Redmer

Seren - Dapper Cosmic NoBonz Starlight Serenata

(MAX) BIS MBISS GCHS Cosmic NoBonz New Kid In Town, AOM  
X BISS GCH CH Cupar's You Crossed The Line

Owned by Tami Bradford, Karen Pacino,  
Walter Bradford and Allison Gallant



**Bob and Louis'  
Christmas tree  
On Riverlin Street in  
Millbury**

**The Dane ornaments on the  
tree were hand crafted by  
Rose Roberts**

## BRAGS

Introducing the brand new Champion at 18 months old

### **CH. EDEN FOREST N JERDAN'S LET FATE DECIDE (SEVEN)**



Seven is out of BISS GCHB ArborHills Hunk A Burning Love, CHIC (Elvis) x OHRBIS GCHB Jerdan's Magnolia of Eden Forest (Maggie), Bred by Gene Perry, Jose E. Ribo and Chris MacMartin.

It's one thing to have one of my babies finish their CH, but to do it at a Specialty the day after Nationals is extra special! Huge thank you to the Judge, Robert Edison, for placing her WB, BOW, Best Bred by Exhibitor and making her a new Champion!

Owned by Gene Perry, Jose Ribo and Sue Blaue

## BRAGS

### CH GRATEFUL N MAITAU LIVIN THE LIFE "RILEY"

Fourth place in Senior Futurity

Bred by Josh Saunders & Sara Fetz

Owned by Sharon Boldeia, Pat Ciampa, Helen & Tiffany





This is my all time  
favorite card.

Grace (my 1st Dane)  
hated hats and gave  
me the stink eye any  
time I put one on  
her....so, of course I  
put hats on her every  
chance I got

Submitted by Dianne

## **BRAGS**

### **DAVIDDANE'S FIREQUACKER, RI, TKN**

(CH Chanoz Cleans Up Nice X CH Black Oak and Daviddane's Last Tango AOM)



Sparky won a four-point major towards her championship under breeder/judge Jane Treiber at the GDCNE designated Specialty on Saturday.

**Daviddane - Sue Davis Shaw**

## BRAGS

### SUNDANCE N MAITAU BELIEVE IN THE DREAM

"Gabby"

BISS Ch. Nobledane's No Assembly Required x Ch. Maitau N Sundance You Gotta Believe



4 th place 3-5 Futurity

Bred and Owned By Marcia & Peter Roddy , Pat Ciampa , Helen & Tiffany

## BRAGS

### STERLING'S OBSIDIAN ROSETTE DELIZY NA NAJ ACT1 CGC TKN

Bred and owned by Sterling Moffatt

Rosette earned 2 Open Standard Agility Legs with First Places at the Thanksgiving cluster



## **BRAGS**

### **CAN CH. STERLING'S NORTHERN SENTRY HUDSON V OCEANBLUE RN**

Ch. Oceanblue Coleridge Rau BCAT x Sterling's Obsidian Rosette NA NAJ ACT1 CGC TKN

Owner: Jaclyn Watts & Sterling Moffat Breeder: Sterling Moffat



Hudson was RWD under Judge Janene Borini at the specialty show on Saturday.

He also was BOB/BOBOH over specials on Monday for a 4 point major  
under Judge Karin Ashe.

### **STERLING N CEDARHILL CRANMOOR WISHING ON A STAR-BUDDY**

Ch. Oceanblue Coleridge Rau BCAT x Sterling's Obsidian Rosette NA NAJ ACT1 CGC TKN

Buddy, Hudson's brother, went RWD at the Sat. Specialty under Janene Borini.

Owned by: Naida Parker & Eleanor Berger Breeder: Sterling Moffat Agent: Paul Levesque

**"Poggi" the day he was born in  
2009 AKA**

**CH Allegro Apoggiatura**

**Submitted by Sue Kelley**



*A Precious Gift*

*Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year  
Suzanne & Ted Kelley*

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**Tami Bradford**, CosmicGreatDanes.com - I grew up on a farm in Massachusetts with all kinds of small and large animals. I have always done something art related, starting out drawing, then painting animal portraits, wall murals and customized Breyer horses and dogs for showing, with my art work winning on a local and national show level.

For the last 10 years, I have owned an advertising business, CosmicCreations, where I do dog related advertising, photo restoration and editing. My husband, Wally, works as an IT Technical Analyst for Dell, and we will be married for 35 years this January.

As long as I can remember, I wanted a Great Dane. As a teen, I was obsessed with anything Dane and collected many books on the breed. I was studying pedigrees, photos and kennels before I even owned one! When we bought our home in 1989, I was able to buy my first Great Dane. She was a brindle bitch from Dinro kennels. We named her Sirius, after the Dog Star. She was the start of Cosmic Great Danes. That fall I attended a puppy match and have been hooked ever since.

I have had 31 Champions to date and have owned and bred dogs with National and Futurity awards, Specialty wins, Top Twenty contenders, ROM titles, a HOF and this year our first bred Best In Show winner.

I have been lucky enough to have met many great breeders along the way, some that I have learnt from, others that have turned into friends, one of which is my dear friend, Karen Pacino. In 2010 we teamed up and hit the road together to special Fendi and have never looked back. We now co own and co breed dogs together with Karen handling them.

The last 32 years have been filled with adventures, laughter, tears and learning curves! I'm grateful for the

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU—Tami Bradford

A FEW OF MY GIRLS I HAVE OWNED THEN BRED WITH THEIR GET

~ Lucy (daughter of Sirius) with her son Teddy and daughter Nexus ~



Lucy - Cosmic's Out Of This World



Teddy - CH Cosmic Thunderhills Fearless



Nexus - Cosmic's Star Connection

~ Envy with her sons Rafferty and Titan ~



Envy - CH Windyhills Maitau Cosmic's Envy



Rafferty - CH Cosmic's Star Status



Titan - CH Cosmic Sine's King Titan

~ Fendi with her son Trace, daughter Arden and granddaughter Risqué ~



Arden  
GCH Maitau Cosmic Eye'm A Star In Style,  
HR, ROM (Dam of 8 CH's), 2xGDCA AOM



Trace  
BISS GCH Maitau N Cosmics Better By Design,  
CGC,RN, BN



Risqué  
CH Cosmic Maitau's Designed For The Stars

~ Harlow with her son Stallone and daughter Roma ~



Roma  
GCH Cosmic Maitau's Eye'm A Star  
Barely Dressed, GDCA AOM



Harlow  
GCH JV Cosmic's I'll Leave You Star Struck,  
HR, ROM (Dam of 5 CH's), HOF



Stallone  
CH Cosmic JV's The Italian Stallion@NoBonz

~ Roma with her son Max and daughter ILah ~



ILah  
MIBISS GCHB Cosmic JV NoBonz  
Stealing The Starlight, GDCA AOM



Max  
BIS MIBISS GCHS  
Cosmic NoBonz New Kid In Town, AOM



Roma  
MIBISS GCH Cosmic NoBonz  
I'll Leave You Starry Eye'd, GDCA AOM

# Membership

I presented a membership application to the board from Jayme Lemaire, sponsored by Carol Urick and Bob Layne. Jayme's application was accepted for publication and she attended the November meeting to fulfill her requirement for membership.

Any comments on her application should be sent to [David@dane.com](mailto:David@dane.com).



Our sympathy goes out to Naida Parker on her loss of Witchy and to Tami Bradford on her loss of Arden. Ted and Suzanne Kelley are both recovering from surgery and we wish them a speedy recovery. Norm Vadenais' mother has passed away and Paul Bowman has also recently passed away. Our sincere sympathy on these devastating losses.

## **9 WAYS SLIPPERY ELM CAN HELP YOUR DOG SUBMITTED BY SUE SHAW**

There's a lot that can go wrong with your dog's digestive health. Diarrhea, constipation, ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome ... just to name a few.

And there are so many things that can cause it. Maybe he tried a new food or ate something he should have left alone. Maybe he has a stomach bug or [exercised too much](#).

Whatever the cause ... you want to help your dog feel better.

Luckily, there are lots of safe and easy options to help you manage your dog's digestive health.

**One useful herb that everyone should have on hand is slippery elm.**

It's a great solution for a wide range of digestive problems and other issues.

And it's one of the safest herbs you can use.

So, today I want to talk about some of the common uses for this herb and how to give it to your dog.

### **Slippery Elm For Dogs**

Slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*) also goes by the names red elm and sweet elm.

It's a deciduous tree found in eastern North America. First Nations have used the inner bark for centuries as a remedy for digestive upset, coughs and more.

Here are some of its medicinal properties ...

- **Demulcent** – Slippery elm secretes a gooey substance called mucilage. Mucilage creates a protective film to relieve mucous membrane irritation.
- **Laxative** – This herb acts as a mild laxative to help with bowel movements.
- **Emollient** – Slippery elm helps to soften and soothe skin.
- **Astringent** – It can dry and tighten skin cells and tissue.

**Nutritive** – Slippery elm helps to nourish the body. It's packed with nutrients like [vitamins A, B complex, C, K, calcium, magnesium and sodium](#).

**Anti-inflammatory** – Slippery elm helps to reduce redness, swelling and pain.

Slippery elm gets harvested in the spring and you can use it internally and topically. It has a sweet taste and is usually found in powder form.

I'll talk more about the different ways you can buy slippery elm and how to give it to your dog a bit later.

But first let's talk about how this herb can help ease your dog's discomfort.

## 9 Ways Slippery Elm Can Help Your Dog

### 1. Diarrhea

Slippery elm is helpful for acute cases of [diarrhea](#). (Acute meaning short term, usually self-resolving illness ... compared to chronic, long term ailments.)

**It helps soothe the mucous membranes in the digestive tract and ease inflammation.** The oily mucilage it produces helps lubricate the digestive tract and promotes mucous secretion.

Slippery elm's astringent properties also tighten the lining of the digestive tract. This helps to further reduce inflammation.

As an added benefit, it contains fiber. And fiber feeds the beneficial bacteria in your dog's gut. This means it's a [prebiotic](#) that supports normal gut function by feeding [good bacteria](#).

### 2. Constipation

It may seem strange that slippery elm can help both [diarrhea](#) and constipation. But like many fibrous plants, its main role is to regulate the digestive tract.

And that means it can help relieve and even prevent constipation too. **That's because of slippery elm's soothing and laxative properties.**

When your dog's constipated, his muscles have to work extra hard. Slippery elm soothes and lubricates the mucous membranes in his digestive tract. This helps to relax the muscles.

This herb can also act as a gentle laxative when your dog has [worms](#). And it can ease the irritation worms cause in his digestive tract.

### 3. Other Digestive Issues

The anti-inflammatory properties of slippery elm don't just help [diarrhea](#) and constipation. They can also relieve intestinal inflammation that accompanies [other digestive issues](#), including ...

- Ulcers
- Colitis
- Gastritis

[Irritable bowel syndrome](#)

Crohn's disease

### 4. Heartburn

Some professionals recommend slippery elm bark for heartburn or acid reflux.

When stomach acids flow back into the esophagus it can cause a painful burning sensation. That's because the acid is damaging the lining of your dog's esophagus.

Slippery elm's mucilage protects the esophagus from stomach acid to relieve heartburn.

## 5. Cough

Slippery elm can also protect the upper respiratory tract.

It lines the throat to **ease discomfort from painful coughs**. Like the kind associated with ...

### [Kennel cough](#)

- Bronchitis

Other respiratory infections

You may have even seen lozenges for humans with slippery elm as an ingredient. (But don't give these lozenges to your dog because they may have other ingredients he shouldn't have).

## 6. Transition From Kibble To Raw

If you want to [switch to raw](#), it can take some time for your dog's body to adjust. It's important to go [slow when you transition your dog](#). But even then ... your dog may need extra support.

**Slippery elm can soothe your dog's gut and help make this transition easier on him.**

## 7. Urinary Tract

Some believe that slippery elm can also help the bladder.

It's most often recommended for unexplained inflammation in the bladder. In fact, **bladder and urinary tract infections are often just inflammation**, rather than bacteria.

## 8. Skin Healing

Slippery elm is an astringent that dries and tightens tissue. That makes it **useful to help dry oozing wounds and stop bleeding** to [help wounds](#) heal faster.

If your dog has a burn, boil or oozing skin infection, apply slippery elm to the affected area.

## 9. Swallowing Too Soon

Dogs are gulpers. Has your dog ever almost choked by swallowing something a bit too big to go down? Mine has ... like a bone he should have chewed a few more times before swallowing!

If something like a bone gets stuck in his throat ... or like my friend's puppy, a spatula head ... **slippery elm gel or syrup can help it on its way through the digestive tract!**

## How To Give Slippery Elm To Your Dog

So you know how slippery elm can help.

Now let's look at a few ways to give slippery elm to your dog. Here are some recommendations from holistic veterinarian Lisa Brienen.

But first, a few cautions ...

1. When you look for a slippery elm product, find one that's sustainably harvested. Slippery elm is **in danger of overharvesting**.

In rare cases, your dog **may be allergic to slippery elm**. [Signs of allergies](#) may include, hives, swelling, diarrhea, vomiting or itchiness.

1. **Don't use it for pregnant dogs.**

Slippery elm can interfere with absorption because of the protective layer it forms. For this reason ... it's best to **give slippery elm at least 3 hours away from other supplements**.

### Powder

**Dosage:** Give ¼ tsp of powder for every 10 lbs of body weight. Mix the powder into food or some yogurt.

Note: If you buy capsules, they come in different sizes ranging from 400 mg to 1000 mg, so it's best to empty out the capsules and use the powder dosing measurements above.

### Gel

Stir the powder dose (above) into some warm water and let it sit to thicken. You can give this to your dog as-is. If he doesn't want to eat it, you can syringe it into his mouth.

## Syrup

Mix 1 rounded teaspoon of slippery elm powder in 1 cup cold water. Bring to boil while you stir. Turn down heat, stir and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, add 1 tbsp of honey and let it cool.

### Dosage:

Under 25 lbs ... 1 to 2 tbsp four times daily

25-50 lbs ... 2 to 4 tbsp four times daily

50 lbs and over ... ¼ to ½ cup four times daily

## Healing Mixture

Mix equal parts slippery elm powder, FOS (fructo-oligosaccharide) powder and L-Glutamine powder.

### Dosage:

Small dog ... 1 tsp twice daily

Medium dog ... 2 tsp twice daily

Large dog ... 3 tsp twice daily

Giant dog ... 2 capsules daily

L-Glutamine is an amino acid that heals intestinal cells. If you wish to give your dog L-Glutamine alone, give 500 mg per 25 lbs of body weight per day.

## Topical

For topical use, mix slippery elm powder with hot water to form a paste. Let it cool then spread it on a soft cotton cloth and place it over the affected area.

Alternatively, you can put the powder in cheesecloth or cotton. Tie off the fabric to make a sac and then soak in warm water. Gently press it on the wound until it cools.

## Other Remedies For Digestive Issues

You can use slippery elm with other remedies. Here are some that work especially well for digestive issues.

[Licorice root](#)

[Marshmallow root](#)

[Chamomile](#)

[Ginger](#)

[Plantain](#)

Aloe vera

## Other Remedies For Wounds

If you're using slippery elm externally to heal wounds, you can also try these solutions.

[Aloe vera](#)

[Chamomile](#)

[Plantain](#)

Whether used alone or with other herbs, slippery elm is a great remedy for digestive upset, cough and more.

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Buck & Chance—Submitted by Sue



Lisa—Submitted by Sue



**PAUL BOWMAN** was scheduled to submit his bio for Getting to Know You in this issue of Daneline. Sadly, Paul passed away before he completed it. I was asked to speak at his memorial service, so I'm sharing my eulogy with you in its place. Every day, Paul made a huge difference in the lives of many with his work with the homeless and those suffering from substance abuse. He will be missed. *Sue*

### **PAUL BOWMAN MEMORIAL**

One day Paul called me out the blue and introduced himself. He had a puppy named Shale from breeder that I knew, Sterling Moffat, sired by a dog that I had shown. After that he would call me on occasion and I knew I had to allow about an hour for his questions and concerns. Paul could talk for an hour about a dog food label. When Shale died, he wanted a puppy from the same breeder and asked me if I would help him pick out his puppy.

We drove to New Hampshire and we picked out Iris and brought her home. She was named Blue Iris because all the puppies in the litter had flower names. Iris was a sweet, gentle dog who went everywhere with Paul. He has commented that Iris changed his life. He really wanted her to be a show dog and he brought Iris to show handling classes that I was teaching in Quincy. We worked with Iris but she just wasn't meant to be a show dog. But, in the meantime, Paul became interested in everything Great Dane.

He came to our Great Dane Club meetings and joined GDCNE in 2010. When the club ran an obedience trial, we needed ring stewards. A steward is a volunteer who runs the ring for the judge – gives out armbands, calls the dogs into the ring, times the performance, and helps the judge in the ring wherever needed. Paul didn't know how to do it, but he came and learned and even brought his roommate, Michael, to help. They both did a great job and had a great time and we all thought Michael looked a bit like Rod Stewart.

Paul was active in Great Dane Rescue and he and Iris and later Natalie attended many Rescue events – meet and greets, car washes, even a paint night. He joined the Great Dane Club of America in 2015

and was very interested in the health and welfare of the breed. He enjoyed attending the nationals and meeting people, and was always asking questions and always learning.

When Iris died, Paul bought a puppy from a litter in New York. Natalie was the smallest puppy in the litter and the last to be sold, but he fell in love with her. Natalie grew up into a beautiful girl and he finally had his show dog. She even won winners at Westminster Kennel Club, the prestigious dog show in New York City. She was shown to her championship by a junior handler, which means that a child showed her as opposed to a professional handler. That was a wonderful accomplishment and Paul was so proud of her. He earned a championship plaque from the club that was a prized possession.

Paul wanted to breed Natalie and did his homework in finding a stud dog. The breeding was done and then when an ultrasound showed a large litter, he started to panic, as he had no idea how to whelp and bring up puppies. I told him he could come and have the puppies at my house and I could teach him as we went along. He was thrilled with that prospect. We knew when the puppies were due by progesterone testing and he was going to come with Natalie the day before. He called me that evening and had decided to keep her home overnight because she showed no signs of labor. We all went to bed. At 11:30 PM my phone rang. It was Paul. Natalie had her first puppy in his room. Michael didn't know as he was forbidden from having the puppies there. He decided to wait until morning to bring her. By early morning she had had 6 puppies in his room. I headed up to get him and he broke it to Michael that his room looked like there had been a chainsaw massacre. While I was driving there, Natalie had puppy number 7. I picked up Paul, Natalie and the basket full of puppies and brought them home, she had her last puppy in the whelping box.

Paul was so amazed by the miracle of birth and watching these puppies grow and change daily. I had him watch videos on the Great Dane standard and puppy development. He found that having the responsibility for puppies is exhausting but he loved watching them grow and change.

Getting one of Paul's puppies was equivalent to adopting a child and required not only an application, but hours of telephone calls, but he found some good homes. He loved watching them grow and develop into valuable members of their new families. It was a great source of pride.

While he was with me, many things were lost in his room – keys, money, his wallet, paperwork, and even a tooth. We found everything but the tooth.

I taught him all about breeding and he taught us all about delivery. Who knew that the 99 Restaurant would deliver those fabulous prime rib dinners to

your door? Paul did.

Sometimes he would go grocery shopping and bring home his favorite unrelated things. I felt like I was on an episode of chopped making a meal out of what he brought me.

I think Paul may have chosen me to help him because of my proximity to Dairy Queen and his dear friend Colleen.

Paul called me his mentor but in all honesty I counted on him to help me talk things through. Paul was logical, sensible, and very wise.



#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

#### Remembrances:

Colleen LaBelle  
Deirdre Calvert  
Susan Shaw  
Rachel King  
Lynn Bowman

The family of Paul Bowman would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for being here today. Your presence means so much to our family.

Please join us for a luncheon reception at LaScala Ristorante, 1070 N. Main St, Randolph, MA



Please consider donating to:

**The Paul Bowman Memorial Fund for Housing Support at Boston Medical Center**, in memory of Paul.

Contributions can be made at [http://bmc.convio.net/goto/paul\\_bowman](http://bmc.convio.net/goto/paul_bowman). You can also mail donation to Boston Medical Center-Office of Development, 801 Massachusetts Ave, 1st Floor Boston, MA 02118. For checks please include Paul Bowman Memorial Fund in the memo line.

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

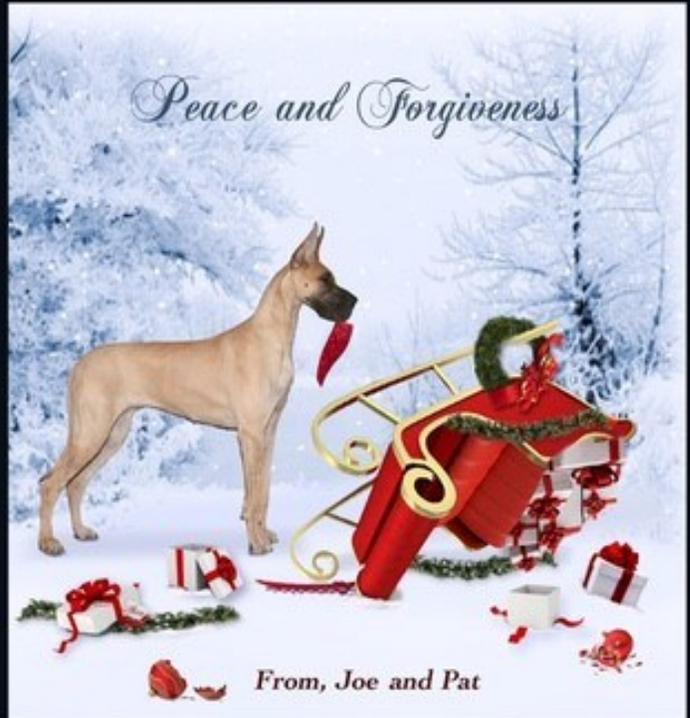


In loving memory of

**Paul Edward Bowman Jr.**

April 6, 1963 - November 22, 2021





Above—Shea

All Submitted by Pat

Below—Shea & Dooney



## Fall Specialties

South Windsor Kennel Club - Friday 11/26/21 in West Springfield, MA

### GREAT DANES

JUDGE: Mrs. Judith A. Brown

<i><b>GREAT DANES. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.</b></i>		
<b>1/W/BW (4 Points)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>FOXRUN'S OVER THE TOP</b> WS 64782605. 05-19-19 By Mjm's Talk Of The Town - Foxrun's On The Wings Of An Angel. Owner: James Grasso & Katherine Grasso, Higganum, CT 064414569. Breeder: James Grasso & Katherine Grasso.
<i><b>GREAT DANES. American-Bred Dogs.</b></i>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>CHINAR'S VALIANT CROWN.</b> WS 67695301. 03-09-20 By GCHB CH Vztop Hillside Just Another Southern Gentleman - CH Chinar's Be Careful What You Witch For. Owner: Dr Rakesh Vali, Newtown, CT 064701500. Breeder: Dr Rakesh Vali.
<i><b>GREAT DANES. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.</b></i>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>WYSIWYG'S DOT DOT DOT DASH BCAT ATT.</b> WS 64774903. 04-29-19 By GCH Wysiywg Harmon's Ssj Lagrande Phaeton FDC BCAT TT ATT TKN - CH Wysiywg's Siren Song RI FDC CA FCAT ACT1 ACT1J SWNE SWA SCE SHDN TT RATM CZ8B TKI ATT. Owner: Teresa La Brie, Norwich, NY 138153545. Breeder: Teresa La Brie
<i><b>GREAT DANES. American-Bred Bitches.</b></i>		
<b>1/W (4 Points)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>LAURADO'S CALYPSO DRUMS.</b> WS 67665605. 02-04-20 By GCHP CH Mjm's Talk Of The Town - GCH CH Laurado's Caribbean Drums. Owner: Dr Rakesh Vali, Newtown, CT 064702336. Breeder: Hilary Johnson Barbara Breuer.
<i><b>GREAT DANES. Best of Breed Competition.</b></i>		
<b>B/G2 (5-GC Points) 242 dogs defeated</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>GCH CH COSMIC NOBONZ I'LL LEAVE YOU STARRY EYE'D.</b> WS 65056503. 07-04-19 By GCHP MJM's Talk of the town - GCHB Cosmic JV NoBonz Stealing The Starlight. Bitch. Owner: Tami Bradford & Water Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino.
<b>OS (5-GC Points)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>CH DANTRYDANES RAMSEY RN BCAT CGC TKI VHMA ACTIJ.</b> WS 57616601. 01-03-17 By CH Cupar's King Of Hearts - CH Dantrydanes Boots N Blue Jeans. Dog. Owner: Faith Abend & Danielle Yule, Syracuse, NY 132159503. Breeder: Danielle Yule.
<b>SEL (5-GC Points)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>CH BRF'S N AMERICA'S RED WHITE &amp; FAWN</b> WS 64172302. 03-14-19 By GCH Von Charm's Big Bang Badda Boom - GCHS Ch Brf's N America's All 'Bout The Journey. Bitch. Owner: Mary M Woodworth R Michal Woodworth John Mark Woodworth & Elizabeth Streeter, Wethersfield, CT 061093951. Breeder: Elizabeth Streeter John Mark Woodworth R Michal Woodworth Mary M Woodworth.
<b>SEL/BOBOH (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>GCHB MAITAU COSMIC N BALOR BELIEVE IN THE EYES OF THE PROPHECY RN CGC TKN</b> WS 57348602. 05-06-17 By GCH MJM N Maitau Better Believe It CGC - Ch Maitau N Cosmic Through The Lookin Glass CGC. Dog. Owner: Rachel Wilson Isabella Eaton, Scituate, RI 028571539. Breeder: Pat Ciampa Tiffany & Helen Cross Tami Bradford.

**GREAT DANES**  
**JUDGE: Dr. Louis G. Bond**

<b>GREAT DANES. 12 &amp; Under 18 Months Dogs.</b>		
<b>1/W/BW (4 Points)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>WINDY HILL'S N BRF'S WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER.</b> WS 70027405. 09-04-20 By GCHG Brf's N Chinar's Man With A Plan - CH Moonriver's Sugar Magnolia V Windy Hill. Owner: Raymond & Elizabeth Streeter & Mary Barnett, Coventry, CT 062381261. Breeder: Mary Barnett.
<b>GREAT DANES. American-Bred Dogs.</b>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>FOX TALE'S RUMOR HAS IT HE'S LOADED.</b> WS 55900002. 12-26-16 By Ch Mt Dania's Money In The Bank - Ch Heritage Hill's Keep'in The Faith Von Fox Tale. Owner: Diane Husar, Milford, NJ 088482110. Breeder: Diane Husar.
<b>GREAT DANES. American-Bred Bitches.</b>		
<b>1/ W (4 Points)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>LAURADO'S CALYPSO DRUMS.</b> WS 67665605. 02-04-20 By GCHP CH Mjm's Talk Of The Town - GCH CH Laurado's Caribbean Drums. Owner: Dr Rakesh Vali, Newtown, CT 064702336. Breeder: Hilary Johnson & Barbara Breuer.
<b>GREAT DANES. Open, Fawn Bitches.</b>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>PAVLIK'S KEEPING THE SECRETS OF CAMELOT V FOX TALE.</b> WS 65565604. 07-02-19 By GCHS Hauer N Rockingdane's Knight In Shining Armour CGC - Ch L'Absolut-Sasdania Can You Keep A Secret Piper. Owner: Diane Husar & Melissa Pavlik, Milford, NJ 088482110. Breeder: Melissa Pavlik.
<b>GREAT DANES. Veteran, 6 Years &amp; Under 8 Years Dogs</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>CH DAVIDDANE'S DUCKTOR DRAKKEN I PRESUME BN RI RN CGCA CGC TKN BCAT.</b> WS 49216002. 12-05-14 By GCH WindyCity-Orion's Guitar Hero - CH Davisdane's Rubber Ducky You're The One BN RN CGCA. Owner: Rachel Wilson & Isabella Eaton, Scituate, RI 028571539. Breeder: Susan D Shaw.
<b>GREAT DANES. Best of Breed Competition.</b>		
<b>OS (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>GCH CH COSMIC NOBONZ I'LL LEAVE YOU STARRY EYE'D.</b> WS 65056503. 07-04-19 By GCHP MJM's Talk of the town - GCHB Cosmic JV NoBonz Stealing The Starlight. Bitch. Owner: Tami Bradford & Water Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino.
<b>SEL (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>FOXRUN'S OVER THE TOP.</b> WS 64782605. 05-19-19 By Mjm's Talk Of The Town - Foxrun's On The Wings Of An Angel. Dog. Owner: James Grasso & Katherine Grasso, Higganum, CT 064414569. Breeder: JamesGrasso & Katherine Grasso.
<b>SEL (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>CH BRF'S N AMERICA'S RED WHITE &amp; FAWN</b> WS 64172302. 03-14-19 By GCH Von Charm's Big Bang Badda Boom - GCHS Ch Brf's N America's All 'Bout The Journey. Bitch. Owner: Mary M Woodworth R Michal Woodworth John Mark Woodworth & Elizabeth Streeter, Wethersfield, CT 061093951. Breeder: Elizabeth Streeter John Mark Woodworth R Michal Woodworth Mary M Woodworth.
<b>B (5-GC Points)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>GCHS COSMIC NOBONZ NEW KID IN TOWN.</b> WS 65056501. 07-04-19 By GCHP MJM's Talk Of The Town - GCHB Cosmic JV Nobonz Stealing The Starlight. Dog. Owner: Art Solnick & Leslie Solnick & Tami Bradford & Karen Pacino, East Quogue, NY 119424201. Breeder: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino. (Lorrie Moreira, Agent).

Windham County Kennel Club, Inc. - Saturday 11/27/21 in West Springfield, MA

**GREAT DANES**

JUDGE: Mrs. Jane E. Trieber

<b>GREAT DANES. 12 &amp; Under 18 Months Dogs.</b>		
<b>1/W/BW/BOBOH /OHG1 (4 Points)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>WINDY HILL'S N BRF'S WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER.</b> WS 70027405. 09-04-20 By GCHG Brf's N Chinar's Man With A Plan - CH Moonriver's Sugar Magnolia V Windy Hill. Owner: Raymond & Elizabeth Streeter & Mary Barnett, Coventry, CT 062381261. Breeder: Mary Barnett.
<b>GREAT DANES. Open, Brindle Dogs.</b>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>DANEMARK'S MIDSUMMER DERBY CGC TKN.</b> WS 65821101. 04-30-19 By GCH Danemark's Sergeant At Arms - GCH Danemark N Glacier Hear Me Roar. Owner: Jaclyn Galusha, Johnsonville, NY 120942814. Breeder: Karen Martin & Bernie Martin..
<b>GREAT DANES. Puppy, 9 &amp; Under 12 Months Bitches.</b>		
<b>1/R</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>DAPPER COSMIC NOBONZ STARLIGHT SERENATA.</b> WS 71643603. 01-13-21 By GCHS CH Cosmic Nobonz New Kid In Town - GCH CH Cupar's You Crossed The Line. Owner: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Ashley Coomes.
<b>GREAT DANES. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.</b>		
<b>1/W (4 Points)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>DAVIDDANE'S FIREQUACKER RI TKN.</b> WS 65627902. 07-14-19 By Ch Chanoz Cleans Up Nice - Ch Black Oak And Daviddane's Last Tango. Owner: Susan Shaw, Hanover, MA 023391602. Breeder: William Marquardt & Susan Shaw.
<b>GREAT DANES. Best of Breed Competition.</b>		
<b>OS (5-GC Points)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>GCH CH COSMIC NOBONZ I'LL LEAVE YOU STARRY EYE'D.</b> WS 65056503. 07-04-19 By GCHP MJM's Talk of the town - GCHB Cosmic JV NoBonz Stealing The Starlight. Bitch. Owner: Tami Bradford & Water Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino.
<b>SEL (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>CH OLD MISSIONS'S LEMAIRE'S KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM.</b> WS 70206401. 09-25-20 By GCH Briarwood's My Way V My-Jon - CH Old Mission's Scarborough Fair CGC. Dog. Owner: Jayme Lemaire & Carol Urick & Robert E Layne, Coventry, CT 062381223. Breeder: Stephanie Blades. (Paul Levesque, Agent).
<b>B/G3 (5-GC Points)</b> <i>265 dogs defeated</i>	<b>34</b>	<b>GCHS COSMIC NOBONZ NEW KID IN TOWN.</b> WS 65056501. 07-04-19 By GCHP MJM's Talk Of The Town - GCHB Cosmic JV Nobonz Stealing The Starlight. Dog. Owner: Art Solnick & Leslie Solnick & Tami Bradford & Karen Pacino, East Quogue, NY 119424201. Breeder: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino. (Lorrie Moreira, Agent).
<b>SEL/BOBOH (4-GC Points)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>CH MAITAU N SUNDANCE YOU GOTTA BELIEVE.</b> WS 64824501. 03-16-19 By GCH Mjm N Maitau Better Believe It CGC - GCH Maitau N Sundance Better Bring It CGC. Bitch. Owner: Marcia & Peter Roddy Pat Ciampa Helen & Tiffany Cross, Westminster, MA 014731116. Breeder: Ms Patricia A Ciampa Helen Cross Tiffany Cross Marcia Roddy.

Great Dane Club Of New England - Saturday 11/27/21 in West Springfield, MA

**GREAT DANES**

SWEEPS JUDGE: Ms. Camille Durocher

<b>GREAT DANES. Sweepstakes, Puppy, 6 &amp; Under 9 Months Dogs.</b>		
<b>1/BSW/BPSW</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>DAPPER COSMIC NOBONZ STARLIGHT SERENATA.</b> WS 71643603. 01-13-21 By GCHS CH Cosmic Nobonz New Kid In Town - GCH CH Cupar's You Crossed The Line. Owner: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Ashley Coomes.

***GREAT DANES. Sweepstakes, Junior, 12 & Under 18 Months Bitches.***

<b>1/BJSW</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>MOREDANES LET YOUR DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT.</b> WS 69342502. 08-15-20 By GCH CH Trila's Little Deuce Coupe - Moredane's Patientdanes Get The Facts. Owner: Michelle & Dakota Shaver & Lauren Seither, Sellersburg, IN 471728344. Breeder: Linda Morelli. (Lauren Hopkins, Agent).
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***GREAT DANES***

**JUDGE: Ms. Janene Borini**

***GREAT DANES. Open, Black Dogs.***

<b>1/R</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>STERLING'S NORTHERN SENTRY HUDSON V OCEANBLUE.</b> WS 68187004. 04-20-20 By CH Oceanblue Coleridge Rau BCAT - Sterling's Obsidian Rosette Delizy NA NAJ ACT1 CGC TKN. Owner: Jaelyn Watts & Sterling Moffat, Lansdowne ON, CN K0E 1L0. Breeder: Sterling Moffat.
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***GREAT DANES. Open, Blue Dogs.***

<b>1/W/BW (4 Points)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>BLESSED BE WINDS OF DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR.</b> WS 66945301. 11-29-19 By Wysiwyg's Everyone's Driven By Something RN FDC TT THDN CGC - GCH Blessed Be Winds Of Inspiration. Owner: Hillary Guptill, Shapleigh, ME 040764265. Breeder: Hillary Guptill & Frank LaFontaine.
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***GREAT DANES. Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches.***

<b>1/W (4 Points)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>DAPPER COSMIC NOBONZ STARLIGHT SERENATA.</b> WS 71643603. 01-13-21 By GCHS CH Cosmic Nobonz New Kid In Town - GCH CH Cupar's You Crossed The Line. Owner: Tami Bradford & Walter Bradford & Karen Pacino & Allison Gallant, Middleboro, MA 023463054. Breeder: Ashley Coomes.
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***GREAT DANES. American-Bred Bitches.***

<b>1/R</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>AMERICA'S SHINING STAR OF FREEDOM</b> WS 65471802. 07-13-19 By GCHG Brf's N Chinar's Man With A Plan - GCHB CH America's Let Freedom Ring. Owner: Mary Martha & John Mark & R Michal Woodworth & Rebecca Ann Fulle, Wethersfield, CT 061093951. Breeder: Mary Martha & John Mark & R Michal Woodworth & Rebecca Ann Full.
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*Season's  
Greetings*

*Dianne, Grace,  
Trouper...  
and Ivan*

Submitted by Dianne

*Merry Christmas*



And New Year's Wishes from Dianne, Sailor & Fancy

Christmas 2016 in the Kim Thurler-John Pacewicz Household



On the left, CH Allegro Saratoga Sequence, aka Whitney, then a spritely 7 years old – she just celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday in November 2021! She was bred by Suzanne and Ted Kelley out of CH Allegro Sonatine and sired by a dog that I bred and owned, CH Saratoga Sequel V. Sandale.

On the right is GCH Sandale PAJ Saratoga Stretch Run, aka Shug, who was almost 5 at that time, and crossed the Rainbow Bridge in July 2021. He was bred by Patty and Reggie Ostrout, Peter Janetatos, and Dale Tarbox. Mom was CH Sandale PAJ Calypso and dad was CH K-D Dane's French Gentleman owned by Renee and John Tjepelman.

Submitted by Kim Thurler

# Great Dane Club of America



Congratulations to our judges for the **2023 National in Santa Fe, New Mexico.**  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Best of Breed** – Jeff Lawrence  
**Bitches** – Mimi Kim  
**Dogs** – Dick Schaefer  
**Futurity** – Darlene Bergen and Chantel Johnson  
**Obedience/Rally** - Susie Osburn & Nancy Craig  
**Agility** – Michael The

And just for your information:

**2022 – South Central Division** – Embassy Suites & Convention Center, Norman, Oklahoma  
*(Judges are from the cancelled 2020 National.)*

**Best of Breed** – Doug Toomey  
**Bitches** - Karen Desjardins  
**Dogs** - Lori Cornelius  
**Futurity** – Sue Larkin and Shirley Reinhold  
**Rally & Obedience** – \*Katie Maess and \*Fred Buroff  
**Agility** – \*Randy Capsel

*\*If these judges decline because the show is no longer in their region, the division will choose replacements.*

**2024 – North Division** (formerly Midwest Division) –Capital Plaza Hotel & Convention Center,  
**Topeka, KS**

## **2025 - East Division – Virginia Beach**

I have confirmed that the divisions are consolidated as follows:

From Lynda Moriarty:

“The scoop is the Western division and the Northeast division remain as they are today. The south central and the south east divisions will be combined into one division. The Midwest and the central will be combined as well into one division.

*Motion:* To approve the proposed Division Realignment of 4 divisions with a 12-year trial. The realignment will begin in 2024 starting with the North Division, then rotate to East, South and West.

Moved: Cindy Harwin  
Seconded: Joy Lobato  
Voted by roll call~ Motion passed 13-1

The first year where two divisions will be one for a national will be in 2024 in Topeka. The next national in the Northeast (now East) will be in 2025.”

## The GDCA Charitable Trust



There is no news since our last meeting since the Trust hasn't met. I do already have one application from a Junior Handler who will be exhibiting her Great Dane at Westminster and is eligible for a Grant from the Bob & Carolyn Thomas Scholarship Fund.

We did receive notification that the Canine Health Foundation is reviewing the research proposal from Dr. Modiano on the early detection of osteosarcoma. In dealing with the CHF, the wheels are turning very slowly but we hope that soon he can get started.

Dr Stuart Meyers is working on the swabs that he sent out to DNA the dogs whose semen he collected at the 2019 National. I understand the response was not very good from owners returning the swabs but he is moving along with what he has.

I do have a preliminary report from Dr. Meyers that I can share with you. I think you will find it fascinating.

### **From Dr. Meyers:**

We've just begun extracting DNA from 25 dogs from the semen study and will have the genetics piece of this hopefully this winter after DNA sequencing and SNP gene array studies. Meanwhile, the semen study resulted in many scientific conclusions but we are still analyzing principle component data which will help explain the relationships we've found, and determine some new ones, with regard to semen and testicular parameters across Dane age. Here a few primary conclusions that might interest the club:

- 75% of Great Danes met the criteria for normal total sperm number (>300 million), and sperm viability was high, though dogs younger than 12 months had low viability (<20%).
- Testicular volume is not a predictor of sperm production capabilities in the Great Dane. No age effect was identified in total sperm number or total testicular volume from dogs over 12 months of age, but significant differences between coat colors were identified. The testicular volume of harlequin, mantle, and blue Great Danes were all significantly larger than that of fawn and brindle dogs.
- Fawn dogs exhibited the lowest proportion of morphologically normal sperm. Coat color-related morphologic differences found in the Great Dane include defects associated with improper or incomplete spermatogenesis and pathological ROS production. Major morphologic abnormalities are negatively correlated with fertility, and sperm of dogs which successfully resulted in pregnancy by AI have been shown to have significantly better motility and morphology than sperm of studs who failed.
- We identified significant relationships between Great Dane male age and spermatozoal total motility, progressive motility, and immotility with -9.9%, -9.0%, and +8.3% change per year of age, respectively. This is roughly 5-10-fold higher than reported in humans.
- Several coat color-associated differences in sperm motility were identified in the Great Dane with brindle and harlequin dogs exhibiting significantly greater sperm motility than fawn dogs, and with greater sperm velocity. In other words, more robust sperm function. Taken together, the aging process and breed specific phenotype-associated differences leave sperm from large rapidly aging breeds such as the Great Dane more susceptible to poorer AI outcomes. However, age and cryodamage related changes to sperm function could be used to identify potential targets for individualized improvement of methods for reproductive management of stud dogs.
- In the Great Dane, high oxygen free radicals in live sperm is positively associated with measures of good sperm motility. Understanding the central energetic pathways underlying sperm motility in dogs will allow targeted selection of antioxidants and other therapeutics capable of supporting motility while minimizing oxidative damage.
- While age and free radicals have significant influences on sperm parameters in the Great Dane, the influence of environment and selection for breed-specific phenotypes such as coat color could help explain the functional significance of the diversity among the dogs in this study. As pedigreed dogs are bred with the primary aim of conforming to breed standards, fertility and underlying reproductive traits are not generally under heavy selection. Expansion of the work through Whole Genome Sequencing or single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) studies can identify potential biomarkers associated with fertility and possible coat color interactions.

**HAPPIEST OF  
HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF  
YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILIES, HUMAN  
AND CANINE ALIKE.**

**LET'S ALL KEEP  
BELIEVING THAT THE  
WORLD WILL BE  
HAPPIER, BRIGHTER  
AND FILLED WITH  
PEACE AND LOVE  
FOR ALL.**

***CAROL***

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**Next Edition**

**Deadline is**

**February 28, 2022**



**Holiday Card Submitted by Dianne**