

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, Inc.

Policies 2008

I. The Board of Directors will review these Policies at its first meeting of each year. By vote of the general membership, these Policies may be changed at a general meeting, providing that the proposed change was made at an earlier meeting and the proposed change was published in the Newsletter.

II. Show Policy

A. Judge suggestions by the Committee are to be made for both Shows at one time.

1. Suggestion Committee

The Board will appoint a committee to meet no later than the April meeting to develop a Slate of at least 5 Breed Judges and 5 Sweepstakes Judges to offer for a vote at the May meeting. The Committee will notify the Secretary in time for the Slate to be published in the Newsletter announcing the May meeting.

Additional names may be suggested from the floor at the May meeting. The panels selected will be for 2 calendar years ahead.

2. Voting for Judges

There will be two rounds of voting for judges of each show. Members will vote for 3 during the 1st round. The top 4 nominees will then be voted upon, each member casting one vote during this second round. The top two selections will be contacted by the Show Chair for availability for the two Shows; in case of non-availability the 3rd and 4th selections will be contacted in that order.

B. Food for Exhibitors

The Club may decide to offer refreshments or a meal to the exhibitors at the Specialties. A minimal charge may be asked of those partaking of the food.

Judges and Ring Stewards need not pay. The Club will reimburse the person who purchased the food and supplies.

C. Who May Not Handle.

The President, Show Chairman, Steward, and Transportation Chair may not handle a dog at the show. If different Stewards are used for Regular and Sweepstakes judging the Stewards may handle dogs in the opposite Classes.

III. Programs

The club should offer at least 3 programs per year and will pay for the dinner of any guest speaker(s)

IV. Finance

A. The treasurer shall submit a report at every meeting. In the case of the absence of the Treasurer a report will be sent via the President or Secretary.

B. Within 90 days after a Show or 30 days after a Match the Committee Chairs will provide the treasurer a report of monies due to, or owed by, the Club.

C. The Treasurer shall report at each Board meeting the status of any uncollected monies.

D. The board shall appoint an Audit Committee composed of the Treasurer, and two other members in good standing to audit the books each year in January.

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V. Newsletter

- A. The Newsletter editor shall have the right, as publisher, to determine what is published.
- B. Unpaid Brags will not be published.
- C. Committee reports will be given in writing to the Secretary within 1 week of the meeting.
- D. Members are encouraged to send articles for re-printing.
- E. Names of members attending a meeting will be published in the next Newsletter.

VI. Nominations for Officers and Board Members.

- A. When possible, 2 or more family members may not serve on the Nominating Committee at the same time, nor will Nominating Committee members serve on that Committee for 2 consecutive years.

VII. Club dinners

The Club will provide the meat for the Christmas party and picnic.

VIII. Rescue

Great Dane Rescue will assume a referral role, except in extreme emergencies. Dane Rescue will screen and maintain a list of potential homes. Dane Rescue will operate under the policies and procedures of the GDCMS, Inc. Rescue Committee.

IX. Awards

- A. The Awards Committee will supply forms and requirements for annual Awards.
- B. The Awards will be made at the May meeting.
- C. Awards recipients will be published in the June Newsletter.
- D. The Club will provide at its expense one plaque. Additional plaques may be ordered for a fee.

X. Ads

- A. For the Spring Specialty, the Awards Committee will submit an ad listing recipients of AKC titles earned during the previous calendar year.
- B. For the Spring Specialty, the Club Representative will submit a Memorial Ad for members' dogs who died during the previous calendar year.
- C. The secretary will submit a two page ad in the GDCA yearbook.
- D. The secretary will submit a one page ad in the National Specialty catalog.

XI. Membership

- A. Junior Membership applicants will not be required to pay an application fee or dues for the current year.