



## Western Great Dane Club Of BC

This is an introductory letter to the Western Great Dane Club of BC. Please find enclosed an application for membership. On this you will find the purposes and objectives of this Club or Society.

The Club, is, of course, a non-profit organization and is registered in Victoria as such. It has been in existence for more than thirty years. It has been a very active show giving club for many of these years. We also have held several Canadian Kennel Club, sanctioned tracking trials. In the past, several of our Danes have attained "Tracking Titles", along with their owners.

In the distant past, our club used to hold "Sanction Matches". These are mock shows, where people can learn what "Dog Shows" are all about. They were for aspiring judges. They were for people to learn how shows run. They were for practice for dogs and handlers. There are few matches held in this area at the present time. Any club must hold 3 matches before they can apply to hold a "Specialty Show". Single breed clubs like this one can only have Specialty Shows for their breed only. The difference between our specialty show and "All Breed Shows," is that we can only show our breed. We have "Conformation", where dogs are judged on their physical structure. We also have "Obedience", where dogs are judged on their performance. This is where dogs are trained to sit, heel, stay, etc. Dogs are judged on their ability to interact with their owners and each has to co-operate with the other.

Each year we have "Annual Awards". Each member's dog earning a title during the past year, whether it is conformation, obedience, tracking, or any other "CKC" sanctioned title receives their award at the Specialty dinner.

We try to do dogs walks throughout the year.

Usually during the Summer or Fall we have a family picnic for dogs and their owners. It is a fun day for all.