

# BREEDERS' COLOR CODE

(As endorsed by The Great Dane Club of America)

**"It shall be the goal of all to breed forward, never backwards, to attain pedigrees of puppies which have the desired color strains endorsed by the Great Dane Club of America"**

There are only six recognized colors; all these basically fall into four color strains:

FAWN and BRINDLE

HARLEQUIN, MANTLE and HARLEQUIN BRED BLACK

BLUE and BLUE BRED BLACK

BLACK

Color Classifications being well founded, the Great Dane Club of America, Inc. considers it an inadvisable practice to mix color strains and it is the club's policy to adhere only to the following breedings:

Color of Dane	Approved Breedings	Desired Pedigrees
1. FAWN 1. BRINDLE	1. FAWN bred to FAWN or BRINDLE only. 1. BRINDLE bred to BRINDLE or FAWN only.	Pedigrees of FAWN or BRINDLE Danes <i>should not</i> carry BLACK, HARLEQUIN or BLUE upon them.
2. HARLEQUIN 2. MANTLE 2. BLACK (HARLEQUIN BRED)	2. HARLEQUIN bred to HARLEQUIN, BLACK from HARLEQUIN BREEDING or BLACK from BLACK BREEDING only. 2. MANTLE bred to HARLEQUIN, MANTLE, BLACK from HARLEQUIN breeding or BLACK from BLACK breeding only. 2. BLACK from HARLEQUIN BREEDING bred to HARLEQUIN, BLACK from HARLEQUIN BREEDING or BLACK from BLACK BREEDING only.	Pedigrees of HARLEQUIN, MANTLE or HARLEQUIN BRED BLACK Danes <i>should not</i> carry FAWN, BRINDLE or BLUE upon them.
3. BLUE 3. BLACK (BLUE BRED)	3. BLUE bred to BLUE, BLACK from BLUE BREEDING or BLACK from BLACK BREEDING only. 3. BLACK from BLUE BREEDING bred to BLUE, BLACK from BLUE BREEDING or BLACK from BLACK BREEDING ONLY.	Pedigrees of BLUE or BLUE BRED BLACK Danes <i>should not</i> carry FAWN, BRINDLE, or HARLEQUIN upon them.
4. BLACK (BLACK BRED)	4. BLACK from BLACK BREEDING bred to BLACK, BLUE or HARLEQUIN and MANTLE. <i>(See note below)</i>	Pedigrees of BLACK BRED Danes <i>should not</i> carry FAWN, BRINDLE, HARLEQUIN, MANTLE or BLUE upon them.

**NOTE:** Black Bred Great Danes may be bred to Blacks, Blues, Harlequins or Mantles only. Puppies resulting from these breedings will become Blacks, Harlequins from Harlequin breeding or Mantle. (category 2 above). Blacks or Blues from Blue breeding (category 3 above) or Blacks from Black breeding (category 4 above).