



Great Dane Club of Western Washington

New Member/Applicant Responsibilities
Kirsten Kauffman – Membership Committee

Welcome, and thank you for your interest in membership to the Great Dane Club of Western Washington (GDCWW).

Below you will find a list of New Member/Applicant Responsibilities.

Please ensure that you read all pages included in the membership packet in full. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on your responsibilities please get in touch with one of your sponsors.

If you currently do not have a sponsor you may contact the membership committee:
Kirsten Kauffman at kirstenkauffman@gmail.com ~ 206-819-7888

New Applicants must:

- ❖ Attend, at minimum, 2 meetings prior to the voting.
 - If you reside outside of King, Snohomish, Pierce, Island, Kitsap, Thurston, and Mason Counties and the Eastern portion of Jefferson County from the designated meeting location please discuss this with the membership committee.
- ❖ Attend one major function prior to being voted in (AKC dog show, specialty, GDCWW event (club meetings excluded))
- ❖ You are encouraged to volunteer and attend at least one GDCWW event per year.
- ❖ Show an active interest in: the breed, welfare, care and future of the Great Dane breed.
- ❖ Have at least 2 sponsors (members in good standing from different families) willing to sign for you and have known you for at least 3 months.
- ❖ Invite both sponsors to visit your home and meet your dogs.
 - If you reside outside of King, Snohomish, Pierce, Island, Kitsap, Thurston, and Mason Counties and the Eastern portion of Jefferson County you may submit a breeder referral from a breeder in good standing who can validate for one of your sponsors that you have an active interest in this breed and the future of this breed.
 - The sponsor who does not visit your home must be willing to sign on behalf of the breeder referral. We recommend you get your sponsor and breeder in touch with each other.

After your membership application is received, your membership will not be voted upon until you, have been published at least 1 time and you have completed tasks above.

Your membership will be voted upon thereafter.



Date Received: _____ Printed Notice of Application: _____
1st Reading: _____
Event Attended: _____ Welcome Letter Sent: _____
Event Attended: _____ Board Approval Date: _____

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Application for Membership
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Application

I hereby apply for membership in the Great Dane Club of Western Washington and understand that dues listed below are due in full at submission of application.

Regular Membership: Dues (U.S. & Canada) \$20.00 US, plus application fee of \$5.00 US, for first years dues shall accompany your application.

Have you or do you own a Great Dane? [Yes] [No]

Name: (please print) _____
Junior {10-17yrs} Regular {Over 18}

Phone No: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

I have lived at the listed address above for: _____ [Years] [Months]

If less than 2 years please give former address: _____

I have exhibited at _____ shows in the last 24 months.

I have exhibited at _____ sanctioned matches in the last 24 months.

How many Great Danes do you own at this time? _____

Are you interested in? [Conformation] [Obedience] [Pet Ownership]

Do you have any breeding contracts on any dogs you own or co-own? [Yes] [No]

Explain: _____

Why do you want to join the Great Dane Club of Western Washington?

I have answered all the questions truthfully to the best of my knowledge. I have read the Constitution and By-Laws, The Breeders Code of Ethics and the Color Code and I am not under suspension from the American Kennel Club or from the Great Dane Club of America.

By signing this application I authorize the Great Dane Club of Western Washington to send me meeting notices, meeting minutes, dues notices, and newsletters via email. This authorization is revocable at any time and I may do so in writing to the Great Dane Club of Western Washington Secretary.

This authorization also releases the club from any liability should the meeting notices, meeting minutes, dues notices, or newsletters be received late or not received at all due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor 1: _____ Sponsor 2: _____
(Print Name) (Print Name)



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Sponsor Form 1

Name of Applicant: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone: _____ Sponsor's Email: _____

Please complete this form on behalf of the applicant and submit to the membership committee for review. Please be as detailed as possible.

1. I have known the applicant personally for _____ [years] [months] (a minimum of 3 months is required)
2. I [have] [have not] been to the applicant's home.
 - a. If I have seen the facilities, in my opinion, the dogs [are] [are not] well cared for.
3. I [can] [cannot] attest that the applicant does not sell to pet shops or puppy brokers.
4. I [can] [cannot] attest that the applicant is supportive of Great Dane Rescue.
5. I [have] [have not] observed the applicant at Matches and/or Dog Shows
6. I believe the applicant [is] [is not] interested in the welfare and the advancement of the breed.
7. The applicant [is] [is not] interested in learning and following the Breeders' Code of Ethics and is cognizant of the Color Code of Ethics established by the Great Dane Club of America, Inc.
8. I [have] [have not] discussed the contributions the applicant might make to the Club. If I have, I feel the applicant would be of assistance as follows:
_____.
9. Please give any additional information that you feel might help the Membership Committee recommend approval of the applicant.
_____.

Sponsors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please use the reverse side of this form to make any comments or provide additional information about the applicant.

Comments will be kept confidential by the Great Dane Club of Western Washington Membership Committee and Board of Directors.



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Sponsor Form 2

Name of Applicant: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's Phone: _____ Sponsor's Email: _____

Please complete this form on behalf of the applicant and submit to the membership committee for review. Please be as detailed as possible.

1. I have known the applicant personally for _____ [years] [months] (a minimum of 3 months is required)
2. I [have] [have not] been to the applicant's home.
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GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA ~ CODE OF ETHICS

This Code is established in accordance with the objectives of the GDCA to protect and advance the interests of Great Danes and to provide guidelines for responsible ownership and ethical breeding practices.

ALL MEMBERS SHALL:

- Maintain the best possible standards of health, cleanliness, safety and care of their dogs.
- Take all appropriate measures to assist a Dane in distress.
- Display good sportsmanship and conduct, whether at home, at shows, or in hotels, in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and the GDCA.
- Not alter the appearance, physical structure, condition, or natural temperament of a dog by any means other than allowed for in the Official Breed Standard if the dog is to be exhibited.
- Bear the responsibility for the truth and accuracy of any information and/or photographs submitted for publication.

ALL BREEDERS AND OWNERS OF GREAT DANES (BITCHES AND STUD DOGS ALIKE) SHALL:

- Breed Great Danes which are temperamentally and structurally sound.
- Be familiar with the Breed Standard and breed only those dogs and bitches which most closely conform to it.
- Keep well informed in the field of genetics and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed.
- Refrain from further use of a Great Dane for breeding if the dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious inherited defects detrimental to an animal's well being (physically or mentally), and has produced like results with a different mating partner.
- Not breed to an unregistered Great Dane.
- Not wholesale litters of Great Danes, sell to Brokers or Pet Shops, provide any animal for prize or raffle purposes; nor use a Stud Dog in like manner.
- Keep all puppies with the litter until at least 7 or 8 weeks of age.
- Adhere to State and Local laws regarding the sale of puppies.
- Sell dogs in good condition, health and sound temperament at time of delivery. They shall be free of internal parasites to the best knowledge of the seller; will have received the necessary inoculations to date; a record of dates and types of immunizations will be given; and a health certificate provided if required. Written instructions on the feeding, health care, training and any other information necessary for the dog's well being (e.g. ear crop care) will be made available after the sale to assist the new owner.
- Provide a four or more generation color marked pedigree and the AKC registration at the time of sale of each dog. Any dog sold as a pet and not for breeding should be given a limited registration or a written contract specifying conditions of sale (e.g. spay/neuter agreement, show or pet quality, co-ownership, breeding rights, etc).
- Provide the buyer with copies of all pre-screenings done on both parents to assure the buyer that every possible effort has been made to produce puppies free of hereditary problems.
- Sell or place each Great Dane with the contemplated final owner, therefore the seller should ascertain that the prospective buyer has the knowledge and facilities to properly care for a growing or grown dog. As a condition of sale or placement, the breeder shall retain the right of first refusal should the purchaser ever decide to transfer ownership or resell the dog, therefore giving the seller every opportunity to help the purchaser find a new home for the dog if necessary.
- All dogs sold (puppy or adult) shall have a signed agreement between the seller and purchaser that the animal shall be examined by a Veterinarian of the purchaser's choice (and paid for by that party) within 72 hours of purchase or delivery. If the dog is deemed unhealthy or possessing an inherited defect which would impair the use for which it was purchased (pet, show or breeding program) the seller will refund the full purchase price upon the return of the dog with a Veterinarian certified documentation of the condition. The dog will be returned at the purchaser's expense.
- Use only the agreed upon Stud Dog at a breeding in the absence of the owner of the Bitch.
- Provide and honor all contracts regarding sales, cop-ownerships, breeding rights, agreements, compensation for

future puppies, leasing a bitch, stud service, etc.

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT:

- All dogs and bitches to be bred by x-rayed prior to breeding and declared free of hip dysplasia by a knowledgeable Veterinarian or the OFA. It is also encouraged that any and all technology available be used to screen all animals to be used for breeding, according to known problems within the breed (e.g. OFA, cardiac check, thyroid check, vWD,PRA, etc.).
- A written Stud Contract be used which specifies all conditions of the breeding and a color marked pedigree be provided by both parties.
- A stud dog should be a year or more of age before breeding and a bitch not less than 18 months.
- A bitch not be bred not more than once a year.
- Both parties provide Veterinarian reports certifying that each animal is clear of any transmittable infections.
- With the agreement of both the seller and the purchaser, any puppy sold as a show prospect which subsequently develops a disqualifying defect shall be replaced by the breeder with another show prospect puppy and the dog returned to the seller, OR the money refunded and the dog returned to the seller, OR the buyer's money refunded to the extent of the difference between the price paid and the price of the pet puppies sold from the same or similar litters if the buyer retains and spays or neuters the dog. Breeders adhere to the GDCA Breeders' Color Code.

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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).

OFFICIAL STANDARD FOR THE GREAT DANE

You may also be interested in view the Illustrated Standard. A CD is also available through the GDCA Store which is an educational tool for everyone.

General Appearance

The Great Dane combines, in its regal appearance, dignity, strength and elegance with great size and a powerful, well-formed, smoothly muscled body. It is one of the giant working breeds, but is unique in that its general conformation must be so well balanced that it never appears clumsy, and shall move with a long reach and powerful drive. It is always a unit-the Apollo of dogs. A Great Dane must be spirited, courageous, never timid; always friendly and dependable. This physical and mental combination is the characteristic which gives the Great Dane the majesty possessed by no other breed. It is particularly true of this breed that there is an impression of great masculinity in dogs, as compared to an impression of femininity in bitches. Lack of true Dane breed type, as defined in this standard, is a serious fault.

Size, Proportion, Substance

The male should appear more massive throughout than the bitch, with larger frame and heavier bone. In the ratio between length and height, the Great Dane should be square. In bitches, a somewhat longer body is permissible, providing she is well proportioned to her height. Coarseness or lack of substance are equally undesirable. The male shall not be less than 30 inches at the shoulders, but it is preferable that he be 32 inches or more, providing he is well proportioned to his height. The female shall not be less than 28 inches at the shoulders, but it is preferable that she be 30 inches or more, providing she is well proportioned to her height. Danes under minimum height must be disqualified.

Head

The head shall be rectangular, long, distinguished, expressive, finely chiseled, especially below the eyes. Seen from the side, the Dane's forehead must be sharply set off from the bridge of the nose, (a strongly pronounced stop). The plane of the skull and the plane of the muzzle must be straight and parallel to one another. The skull plane under and to the inner point of the eye must slope without any bony protuberance in a smooth line to a full square jaw with a deep muzzle (fluttering lips are undesirable). The masculinity of the male is very pronounced in structural appearance of the head. The bitch's head is more delicately formed. Seen from the top, the skull should have parallel sides and the bridge of the nose should be as broad as possible. The cheek muscles should not be prominent. The length from the tip of the nose to the center of the stop should be equal to the length from the center of the stop to the rear of the slightly developed occiput. The head should be angular from all sides and should have flat planes with dimensions in proportion to the size of the Dane. Whiskers may be trimmed or left natural. Eyes shall be medium size, deep set, and dark, with a lively intelligent expression. The eyelids are almond-shaped and relatively tight, with well-developed brows. Haws and Mongolian eyes are serious faults. In harlequins, the eyes should be dark; light colored eyes, eyes of different colors and walleyes are permitted but not desirable. Ears shall be high set, medium in size and of moderate thickness, folded forward close to the cheek. The top line of the folded ear should be level with the skull. If cropped, the ear length is in proportion to the size of the head and the ears are carried uniformly erect. Nose shall be black, except in the blue Dane, where it is a dark blue-black. A black spotted nose is permitted on the harlequin; a pink colored nose is not desirable. A split nose is a disqualification. Teeth shall be strong, well developed, clean and with full dentition. The incisors of the lower jaw touch very lightly the bottoms of the inner surface of the upper incisors (scissors bite). An undershot jaw is a very serious fault. Overshot or wry bites are serious faults. Even bites, misaligned or crowded incisors are minor faults.

Neck, Topline, Body

The neck shall be firm, high set, well arched, long and muscular. From the nape, it should gradually broaden and flow smoothly into the withers. The neck underline should be clean. Withers shall slope smoothly into a short level back with a broad loin. The chest shall be broad, deep and well-muscled. The

fore chest should be well developed without a pronounced sternum. The brisket extends to the elbow, with well sprung ribs. The body underline should be tightly muscled with a well-defined tuck-up.

The croup should be broad and very slightly sloping. The tail should be set high and smoothly into the croup, but not quite level with the back, a continuation of the spine. The tail should be broad at the base, tapering uniformly down to the hock joint. At rest, the tail should fall straight. When excited or running, it may curve slightly, but never above the level of the back. A ring or hooked tail is a serious fault. A docked tail is a disqualification.

Forequarters

The forequarters, viewed from the side, shall be strong and muscular. The shoulder blade must be strong and sloping, forming, as near as possible, a right angle in its articulation with the upper arm. A line from the upper tip of the shoulder to the back of the elbow joint should be perpendicular. The ligaments and muscles holding the shoulder blade to the rib cage must be well developed, firm and securely attached to prevent loose shoulders. The shoulder blade and the upper arm should be the same length. The elbow should be one-half the distance from the withers to the ground. The strong pasterns should slope slightly. The feet should be round and compact with well-arched toes, neither toeing in, toeing out, nor rolling to the inside or outside. The nails should be short, strong and as dark as possible, except that they may be lighter in harlequins. Dewclaws may or may not be removed.

Hindquarters

The hindquarters shall be strong, broad, muscular and well angulated, with well let down hocks. Seen from the rear, the hock joints appear to be perfectly straight turned neither toward the inside nor toward the outside. The rear feet should be round and compact, with well-arched toes, neither toeing in nor out. The nails should be short, strong and as dark as possible, except they may be lighter in harlequins. Wolf claws are a serious fault.

Coat

The coat shall be short, thick and clean with a smooth glossy appearance.

Color, Markings and Patterns

Brindle--The base color shall be yellow gold and always brindled with strong black cross stripes in a chevron pattern. A black mask is preferred. Black should appear on the eye rims and eyebrows, and may appear on the ears and tail tip. The more intensive the base color and the more distinct and even the brindling, the more preferred will be the color. Too much or too little brindling are equally undesirable. White markings at the chest and toes, black-fronted, dirty colored brindles are not desirable.

Fawn--The color shall be yellow gold with a black mask. Black should appear on the eye rims and eyebrows, and may appear on the ears and tail tip. The deep yellow gold must always be given the preference. White markings at the chest and toes, black-fronted dirty colored fawns are not desirable.

Blue--The color shall be a pure steel blue. White markings at the chest and toes are not desirable.

Black--The color shall be a glossy black. White markings at the chest and toes are not desirable.

Harlequin--Base color shall be pure white with black torn patches irregularly and well distributed over the entire body; a pure white neck is preferred. Merle patches are normal. No patch should be so large that it appears to be a blanket.

Eligible, but less desirable, are black hairs showing through the white base coat which give a salt and pepper or dirty appearance.

Mantle--The color shall be black and white with a solid black blanket extending over the body; black skull with white muzzle; white blaze is optional; whole white collar is preferred; a white chest; white on part or whole of forelegs and hind legs; white tipped black tail. A small white marking in the blanket is acceptable, as is a break in the white collar.

Any variance in color or markings as described above shall be faulted to the extent of the deviation. Any Great Dane which does not fall within the above color classifications must be disqualified.

Gait

The gait denotes strength and power with long, easy strides resulting in no tossing, rolling or bouncing of the topline or body. The backline shall appear level and parallel to the ground. The long reach should strike the ground below the nose while the head is carried forward. The powerful rear drive should be balanced to the reach. As speed increases, there is a natural tendency for the legs to converge toward the centerline of balance beneath the body. There should be no twisting in or out at the elbow or hock joints.

Temperament

The Great Dane must be spirited, courageous, always friendly and dependable, and never timid or aggressive.

Disqualifications

Danes under minimum height.

Split nose. Docked Tail.

Any color other than those described under "Color, Markings and Pattern"

Approved January 11, 2011

Effective March 1, 2011

