



The Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas, Inc.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas (*herein referred to as, "the Club" or "the GDCGD"*). Our club is devoted to the betterment, welfare, and promotion of the Great Dane breed, as established through the written breed standard of the Great Dane Club of America and the American Kennel Club. Our members volunteer their time, knowledge, and efforts towards the education, mentorship, and exhibition of the Great Dane to the general public, as well as to promote ethical and responsible practices in breeding, whelping, rearing, training, exhibiting, competing, caring, and loving of this magnificent breed.

The GDCGD offers two classifications of membership:

- 1. Regular Membership:** Regular members of the Club have voting privileges, may serve as elected officers, board members, committee chairs, and event directors. Regular members are eligible to receive club awards and distinctions, will receive all club communications, and are welcome to attend all club events and activities. Attendance at regular club meetings is expected of regular members and contribute towards a quorum in order to conduct club business. Regular membership annual dues are \$20.00.
- 2. Non-Regular Membership:** Non-regular members do not have voting privileges, may not hold elected office positions, or serve as board members, committee chairs, or event directors. Non-regular members are eligible to receive club awards and distinctions, will receive all club communications, and are welcome to attend all club events and activities. Non-regular members are highly encouraged to attend regular meetings, though attendance does not contribute towards a quorum to conduct club business. Non-regular membership annual dues are \$10.00

Benefits of Membership:

- Fun and fellowship for Great Dane fanciers of all ages.
- Recognition by your peers of your commitment to the Great Dane.
- Educational seminars, programs, and events (more than just dog-showing).
- Promotion of medical and scientific research in regards to health, breeding, & genetics.
- Seminars and programs related to kennel management, grooming, training, and care.
- Access to Great Dane breeder referrals networks throughout the U.S.
- Opportunities to visit and observe prominent kennels and facilities.
- Participation in Great Dane Club of America events (futuraity, obedience, agility, conformation, performance, health testing, education, and more).
- Volunteer opportunities with GDCGD Committees and events throughout the year.
- Regular members have voting privileges 30 days after approval of members within the Club.

Please complete the following application in its entirety and either mail, email, or submit to the Membership Chair at the next regular meeting, along with the required application fee and appropriate membership dues (per person).



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Application for Membership

Please select your desired classification of membership by checking the appropriate description:

_____ **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** To become a Regular Member within The Club, you must:

1. Attend three (3) regular meetings as a guest (does not have to be consecutive meetings)
2. Complete and submit this membership application in its entirety
3. Include the application fee of \$7.50 (per application) and first year's dues of \$20.00 (per person)
4. Submit two (2) Sponsorship Forms (to be completed by two regular members of the GDCGD)

(for applications received after October 1 in any given year, your dues will be applied to the following year's membership)

_____ **NON-REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** For Non-Regular Membership within The Club, you must:

1. Complete and submit this membership application in its entirety
2. Include the application fee of \$7.50 (per application) and first year's dues of \$10.00 (per person)
3. Submit two (2) Sponsorship Forms (to be completed by two regular members of the GDCGD).

(for applications received after October 1 in any given year, your dues will be applied to the following year's membership)

- Individuals applying for Non-Regular Membership are not required to attend meetings prior to submitting their applications, nor attend regular meetings after membership is approved.
- Non-Regular members may also be asked to contribute towards the purchase of their year-end trophies, awards, and certificates.

Applicant Name(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Personal/Kennel Website: _____

Please list any other dog-related clubs that have previously been or are presently a member of:



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Are you considered "in good standing" with the Great Dane Club of America? Yes No

Are you considered "in good standing" with the American Kennel Club? Yes No

(if you answered either of the above question "No", please explain on the reverse side of this page)

Please list your involvement with Great Danes along with any Great Danes you presently or have previously owned (including color variety):

Have you owned any other breeds? Yes No If Yes, please list below:

Do you have a Kennel Name? Yes No

- If Yes, please list: _____

- If Yes, is your kennel name registered with the American Kennel Club? Yes No

Have you ever bred a litter of Great Dane puppies before? Yes No

- If Yes, how many litters have you bred? _____

- Were any of these litters GDCA Futurity Nominated? Yes No

Have you ever provided a stud dog for a breeding? Yes No



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Why do you wish to become a member of the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas?

Which committees would you be interested in serving on as a member of the GDCGD? Please

check/circle your selections:

- Show Committee - Membership Committee - Advertising/Publicity Committee
- Hospitality Committee - Trophy Committee - Finance Committee
- Rescue Committee - Programs Committee - Ways & Means Committee

Please list the two (2) Regular Members of the GDCGD who have agreed to serve as your sponsors:

1. _____ 2. _____

Attached are copies of the Great Dane Club of America's Breeder's Code of Ethics and the GDCA Breeder's Color Code. Are you aware of and familiar with these two documents? Yes No

Have your agreed sponsors discussed these two documents with you? Yes No
(If you answered "No", please explain on the reverse side of this page)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application fee & first year's dues enclosed (amount): \$ _____

- Application fee: \$7.50
- Regular Member dues: \$20.00
- Non-Regular Member dues: \$10.00

Please send completed application, fees & dues to:

Please makes checks out to: GDCGD

Norma Hennig
Membership Chair, GDCGD
PO Box 850245
Mesquite, TX 75185-0245

or email completed application to: njhennig@yahoo.com



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GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA BREEDER'S 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).



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GDCA BREEDER'S CODE OF ETHICS (cont.)

- 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 be 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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GREAT DANE CLUB OF AMERICA BREEDER'S 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 (categories):

1. FAWN and BRINDLE
2. HARLEQUIN, MANTLE and HARLEQUIN BRED BLACK
3. BLUE and BLUE BRED BLACK
4. 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 be cognizant of 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. (See note below)	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).

(The above Color Code is not yet reflective or inclusive of the Merle variety)



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MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR

QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicant Name(s): _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

Have you discussed the Club's purpose & mission with this applicant? Yes No

Have you discussed the GDCA's Breeder's Code of Ethics with this applicant? Yes No

Have you discussed the GDCA's Breeder's Color Code with this applicant? Yes No

Why are you recommending this applicant for membership within the GDCGD?

Why would this applicant be an asset to the Club?

Print Sponsor Name

Date

Sponsor Signature

Please return completed questionnaire to:

Norma Hennig
Membership Chair, GDCGD
PO Box 850245
Mesquite, TX 75185-0245

or email questionnaire to: njhennig@yahoo.com