

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



## Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas, Inc.

Thank you for inquiring about becoming a member of the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas. Our club is devoted to the welfare and betterment of the Great Dane breed. Our members volunteer their time, knowledge, and efforts towards education, promotion, and publication of all that the Great Dane is. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings and club activities. We offer two levels of membership, dependent on your location and availability to attend meetings. We encourage attendance at our meetings and functions, so you can become familiar with us, and so we may learn more about you and your goals.

We offer two types of membership:

- **Regular Membership:** Regular members have all voting privileges, may be considered for annual club awards, and may serve as club officers, board members, committee chairs, and event directors. Attendance at regular meetings is considered in meeting quorum numbers to conduct club business.
- **Non-Regular Membership:** For members not able to attend regular meetings. No voting privileges, but may participate in club awards (with qualifying criteria). Non-regular members do not impact our quorum numbers required to conduct club business at a regular meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:**

Fun and fellowship for Great Dane fanciers of all ages  
Recognition by your peers of your commitment to the Great Dane  
Educational Seminars and Programs  
Medical Research: nutrition, genetic health, breeding, etc.  
Grooming Techniques - Kennel Management  
Active membership components featuring training classes and educational opportunities  
Breeder network and referrals  
Opportunities to visit prominent kennels and facilities  
Participation in Great Dane Club of America Events (Futurity, Conformation, Performance, Health Testing)  
Regular Members have full voting privileges 30 days after approval of application

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Show Committee  
Membership Committee  
Advertising - Publicity Committee  
Hospitality Committee  
Trophy Committee  
Finance Committee  
Rescue  
Ways and Means

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## Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas Membership Application

Please select the Type of Membership for which you are applying:

\_\_\_ **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** Process: To become a regular member in the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas, you will need to attend three (3) regular meetings (does not have to be sequential) prior to submitting this application. You will also be requested to have two regular members sign your application as your sponsors to join the club. There is an application fee of \$7.50 and your first year's dues of \$20.00 per person to be included with your application (for those joining after October 1st in any given year, your dues will be applied towards the following year.)

\_\_\_ **NON-REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** Process: For those who are interested in Great Danes but who are unable to attend meeting regularly. Application for Non-regular membership does not require meeting attendance (although it is encouraged.) Non-regular members do not have voting or office-holding privileges, nor the right to sponsor any future applicants, but otherwise receive all material and have all other privileges offered by the club. (Non-regular members may be asked to contribute towards the purchase of their year-end trophies and awards.) Must have two (2) regular members of the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas sign as sponsors. There is an application fee of \$7.50 and your first year's dues of \$10.00 per person to be included with your application (for those joining after October 1st in any given year, your dues will be applied towards the following year.)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other Dog Related Clubs of which you are presently or have been a member?

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Are you in good standing with the American Kennel Club? YES NO (please explain on reverse side of page)

Are you in good standing with Great Dane Club America? YES NO (please explain on reverse side of page)

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Please list your involvement with Great Danes, and any Great Danes you own currently (and colors):

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Do you own other breeds? YES (Please list) NO

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Which committee(s) are you interested in volunteering?

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Please list the two (2) Regular Members that have agreed to sponsor your application

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Attached are copies of the Great Dane Club of America Breeder's Code of Ethics, and the Great Dane Club of America's Endorsed Breeder's Color Code. Have you discussed both of these Codes with your Sponsor?

YES NO (please explain on reverse side of page)

Do you have a Kennel Name? YES (please list) \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Is your Kennel Name registered with the American Kennel Club? YES NO

Why do you want to become a member of the Great Dane Club of Greater Dallas? \_\_\_\_\_

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Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed with application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (checks made out to GDCGD)

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Send your application and check, and request Sponsor Sheets to be sent to:

Norma Hennig, Membership Chair GDCGD  
4171 Lawson Rd.  
Mesquite, TX 75181

Phone: 214-797-0757

Email: njhennig@yahoo.com

## 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).
- 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

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re-sell 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 more than once within a 12 month period.
- 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 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 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 <b>should not</b> 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 <b>should not carry</b> 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 <b>should not</b> carry FAWN, BRINDLE, or HARLEQUIN upon them.
4. BLACK (BLACK BRED)	4. BLACK from BLACK BREEDING bred to BLACK, BLUE or HARLEQUIN and MANTLE. <b>(See note below)</b>	Pedigrees of BLACK BRED Danes <b>should not</b> 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).

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## SPONSOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicant(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed the club's purposes, mission, and activities with the applicant(s)? YES NO

Have you discussed the GDCA's Breeder's Code of Ethics with the applicant(s)? YES NO

What are your reasons for recommending this applicant(s) for membership in the GDCGD? Why would they be an asset to the club?

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Print Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide all information requested and return completed questionnaire form to:

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Membership Chair GDCGD  
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Mesquite, TX 75185-0245

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