

SPONSORSHIP FORM



Sponsorship is a responsibility not to be taken lightly. When you sponsor an applicant to GDCNE, you are affirming that, to the best of your knowledge, the applicant/s are concerned about the welfare of Great Danes and is/are prepared to adhere to the Ethical Guidelines on the reverse of this form. The Code of Ethics are guidelines for membership and requirements for listing in Breeder Referral Service.

In order to sponsor, you must have been a member in good standing for one full year. You may sponsor four applicants per year.

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

RE: Application for Membership by: _____

1. Do you know the applicant/s personally? _____

2. How long have you known the applicant/s? _____

3. Is/Are the applicant/s interested in the welfare of the Great Dane breed? _____

4. Do you have personal knowledge of the applicant/s home and the manner in which they care of their dogs?

5. State why you believe the applicant/s will be an asset to the club:

6. Please give any other information concerning the applicant/s which you feel might help the committee recommend approval of the application. This is particularly important, as you know the applicant personally:

To the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Code of Ethics

Great Dane Club of New England, Inc.

Transactions - Any transactions, such as stud or breeding agreements, or the sale of a puppy, should be in writing, listing any stipulations, with a copy to each party.

Sale of Puppies

1. No puppies shall be offered for sale to pet stores, mail order houses, or catalog sales.
2. All puppies shall be sold with a Health Certificate and a signed agreement by the purchaser that the puppy shall be examined by a vet of the purchaser's choice within 72 hours of purchase. If the puppy is found to have any physical ailments, full refund should be made by the seller upon return of the puppy.
3. No puppies should leave the litter before 8 weeks of age.
4. All puppies that are going to be cropped should be cropped between 7 and 12 week of age, preferably between 7 and 9 weeks.
5. It should be advised at the time of sale that pet quality puppies may be given Limited Registration, and therefore spayed or neutered.
6. Breeders should provide a four generation color-coded pedigree upon the completion of the terms of the sale of a puppy.
7. A breeder or stud owner refusing to assist in rescuing a dog of his/her breeding may not be referred by any Club member for future litters, and will be barred or removed from listing with Massachusetts Breeder Referral Service, Inc.

Breeding a Bitch

1. A bitch should not be bred before 16 months of age, preferably 18 months of age.
2. No bitch shall have more than 2 litters in 3 consecutive seasons, for the benefit of the bitch's health.
3. All bitches to be bred must have proof of negative (for pathogens) vaginal culture and negative brucellosis, and immunization status should be disclosed.
4. All bitches should be x-ray evaluated prior to being bred, to help alleviate hip dysplasia.

Stud Dog Service

1. Stud dogs should be x-rayed free from hip dysplasia if offered for service.
2. A stud certificate should be issued, dated for every breeding at time of service.
3. Stud owners should feel that the breeder is a responsible person, capable of raising a litter.
4. All dogs to be used at stud must have proof of negative brucellosis, and all immunization status should be disclosed.
5. Stud owners should offer their help to the breeder if at all possible.
6. Stud agreements should be in writing, and clearly understood by both parties, including what constitutes a litter.

Status of Dogs Used for Breeding

1. No Great Dane shall be bred that is not registered with the A.K.C. or registered in the country of its origin that is recognized by the A.K.C.
2. All dogs with the following disqualifying faults should be neutered or spayed, if not culled, so that they will not reproduce themselves:
deafness; no visible scrotum, or monorchids; split noses; cleft palates.

Pure Color Breeding -It is suggested that pedigrees be researched with regard to color prior to breeding, and that the color code as set forth by the Great Dane Club of America be followed.