



Code of Ethics

for the members of the
Great Dane Club of New England, Inc.

Members are encouraged to refer to this Code of Ethics in dealings with the public, and to share this information with interested individuals.

General Welfare

Members shall maintain good standards of health, cleanliness, safety and care of their dogs.

Transactions

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

Sale of Dogs

1. No puppies shall be offered for sale to pet stores, mail order houses, catalog sales or other resellers, or provided for prize or raffle purposes.
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. It is recommended that puppies not leave the litter before 8 weeks of age.
4. It is recommended that all puppies that are going to be cropped be cropped between 7 and 12 weeks of age, preferably between 7 and 9 weeks.
5. New owners should be advised at the time of sale that pet quality dogs are not to be bred and may therefore be given Limited Registration and spaying or neutering of such dogs should be strongly considered.
6. Breeders should provide a four or more generation color-coded pedigree upon the completion of the terms of the sale of a dog.
7. Breeders should provide new owners with copies of all health screenings done on both parents in order to inform them of the efforts made to produce puppies free of hereditary problems.
8. Those selling or placing a dog should make every effort to ascertain that new owners have the knowledge and resources needed to care for a Great Dane.
9. As a condition of sale or placement, the breeder or seller should retain the right of first refusal for a dog should the new owner ever decide to sell or rehome it.
10. A breeder or stud dog owner refusing to assist in rescuing a dog of his/her breeding will not be included in any breeder referral services offered or supported by the Club and

should not be referred by any Club member for future litters or breedings. Their GDCNE membership may be terminated in accordance with the process described by the Bylaws of the Club.

Breeding & Stud Dog Service

1. Before being considered for breeding, bitches and dogs should undergo Great Dane specific health tests recommended by the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC), including normal hip, heart, and eye and thyroid evaluation.
2. Bitches should only be bred in consultation with a veterinarian knowledgeable in reproductive medicine, and veterinary recommendations should be followed as to age for breeding, breeding frequency and numbers of litters.
3. Both bitch and stud dog owners should follow the recommendations of a knowledgeable veterinarian regarding prevention of potential infectious diseases that may be communicated through breeding.
4. A stud certificate dated for every breeding should be issued at the time of service. In the absence of the bitch's owner at time of breeding only the previously agreed-upon stud dog shall be used.
5. Stud owners should feel that the breeder is a responsible person, capable of raising a litter, and should offer their help to the breeder if at all possible.
6. Stud service agreements should be in writing, and clearly understood by both parties, including what constitutes a litter.
7. No Great Dane shall be bred that is not registered with the AKC, or registered in the country of its origin as recognized by the AKC.
8. Dogs with the following disqualifying faults should not be bred and should be neutered or spayed, so that they will not reproduce: deafness; no visible scrotum; monorchid; split nose; cleft palate.
9. 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.

PURPOSES OF THE GREAT DANE CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

1. To further the advancement of the Great Dane breed and to encourage responsible breeding of the Great Dane.
2. To promote and safeguard the common interest of its members.
3. To assist members in the breeding, registering and exhibiting of pure bred Great Danes registered with the American Kennel Club.
4. To sponsor and promote interest in shows where Great Danes are exhibited.
5. To take action on all matters concerning the welfare of the members and of the breed.
6. To concern ourselves with, and take action upon, any other matters which may legally fall within the jurisdiction of the Club.

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