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## Important Advice for Puppy Buyers

A wise buyer will interact warily with all dog breeders. You will want to consider many factors and come to your own conclusions. Remember to be skeptical and verify claims. Here are some considerations:

- A dog represented to be a Great Dane puppy without AKC registration papers may not actually be a full-blooded Great Dane, however deserving it may be as a pet.
- Only dogs with AKC registration papers may be exhibited in dog show conformation events, and only dogs with unlimited AKC registration papers can produce puppies that are eligible to have AKC registration papers.
- Verify the AKC registration information of the dam (mother) and sire (father) through the American Kennel Club, at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). Linked to each animal's individual AKC registration number, AKC maintains records including show records, titles and other information about the dog and its ancestry. If you wish, you can perform similar searches for each ancestor of interest.
- Littermates (brothers and sisters born from the same mother on the same occasion) have identical registration numbers except for the number at the end.
- If the breeder claims to have awards, certificates, titles or other honors, go to the website of the organization that gave the award, certificate, title or honor and verify the claim. The same website is the best place to look up what the award means.
- The four health tests that are most recommended for Great Danes by the Great Dane Club of America (GDCA) are:
  - Eyes
  - Cardio/Heart (may be auscultation or echocardiogram)
  - Hips
  - Thyroid
- A fifth health test often recommended for Great Danes is:
  - Elbows
- The five tests listed above are done on the dam and sire, not on the puppies. You have the right to limit your search and consider only puppies whose parents have verifiable results for all five of the recommended health tests. That is up to you.
- Each test has its own scale of results. All the tests have a result that is considered normal or good, all the tests have results that are considered worse than normal or less than good, and some of the tests have results that are considered even better than good. Educate yourself about this for each test. Do not just accept what the breeder tells you.
- Verify the health claims made by the breeder and the health testing that the breeder has had done. Most reputable breeders allow their health testing results to be published on the website of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, at [www.ofa.org](http://www.ofa.org). Be skeptical of breeders who give a reason for not publishing this critically important information, and remember that hard copies of results can be forged.

- A breeder may provide you a CHIC number for the dam (mother) or sire (father) of the puppies. Be aware, having a CHIC number does **NOT** imply normal or better health results. It only means that the tests most recommended for the given breed of the dog were done. You as the puppy buyer have to research the test results individually to see if they are each normal, good or better. **By itself, a CHIC number does NOT prove good health.** What's essential is for all the individual results to be good. Health problems are more likely in the puppy if all the individual results for the parents are not normal, good or better.
- Examine the dam and sire in person, if at all possible. Ask yourself if the dam and sire have a temperament with which you would want to live.
- Familiarize yourself with the guidelines AKC publishes for breeders, then find out how closely a breeder you are considering adheres to the AKC guidelines. Some of the guidelines have to do with how old the dam is. Some have to do with how often she is bred. Through AKC, you can verify her breeding history. Although one can always find contrary opinions, the overwhelming consensus is that it is generally a harmful practice to breed a given female more than once per year, or too early in life, or too late in life.
- Familiarize yourself also with the list of Strong Recommendations for breeders of Great Danes published by the Great Dane Club of America (GDCA). The GDCA is the foremost authority on what is best for Great Danes. Individual breeders do not know better than the collective wisdom of the GDCA as a whole. Ask breeders whether they are committed to following all of GDCA's Strong Recommendations for breeders. If a breeder hesitates at all on this commitment, consider talking to more breeders before making the final decision to buy. The list of Strong Recommendations for breeders of Great Danes is available below a list of other valuable ethics at:  
<http://www.gdca.org/codeofethics.html>
- The GDCA publishes a Breeders Color Code. Again, the GDCA is the foremost authority on what is best for Great Danes. Study the Breeders Color Code and decide for yourself whether a breeder meets it and how important that is to you. The color code is available at:  
<http://www.gdca.org/colorcode.html>
- Be wary if a breeder tries to dissuade you from a particular color or particular breeder. In fact, all the colors make wonderful Great Danes. Color is your choice. Moreover, it is better to talk to each breeder yourself before you decide which one is right for you.
- Remember that opinions among breeders can differ sharply. It is often best to evaluate one breeder's comments in light of the comments of multiple other breeders.
- If any Great Dane breeder disputes the contents of this document, please consider discussing the matter further with the copyright holder by emailing to: [stephenleblanc@outlook.com](mailto:stephenleblanc@outlook.com).

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Breeder (by last name)	Kennel Name	Website	Email
Shayne Anderson *BOM	Solara Great Danes	<i>[no website]</i>	shakaban@yahoo.com
Nichole Bartlett *BOM	Enzo Great Danes	www.enzodane.com	enzodanegreatdanesh@yahoo.com
Karen Burkhart *BOM	SunQuest Great Danes	<i>[no website]</i>	ckburkhart@aol.com
Lisa Hernandez *BOM	Syvile Great Danes	syvilegreatdanesh.com	lisa@syvilegreatdanesh.com
Pam Koerper *BOM	SunQuest Danes	<i>[no website]</i>	sunquestdanesh@gmail.com
Pat McGoldrick *BOM	Sunstrike Great Danes	www.sunstrike-great-danesh.com	goldstrike@cox.net
Kathy Munyan	KaDaDanes	<i>[no website]</i>	kathy@munyan.com
Sharon Sturm	KayDean Danes	<i>[no website]</i>	daneshavers@live.com
Misty Winker	Velocity Great Danes	www.velocitygreatdanesh.com	info@velocitygreatdanesh.com

\*BOM = Recognized by AKC as a **Breeder of Merit** (verified as of 3/4/2018).

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NOTE: The breeders in this directory only occasionally have litters. Often, they have waiting lists for puppies. When you communicate with these breeders, keep in mind they may be a resource for advice as well as for additional referrals when they do not have a puppy in the near future that they can offer to you. Many of these breeders have connections to other reputable breeders from other states or countries. Some breeders maintain wait lists for future puppies. Some breeders are willing to home their puppies out of state, so you need not restrict your search to local breeders. In fact, a local breeder may help connect you to the perfect puppy for you, from another state.