

# Great Dane



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dogs' performance and behavior. Please do your research carefully before selecting any breed of dog for you or your family!

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Great Danes originated in Germany in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; it was at that time called Detsche Dogge. Hunters used them to hunt big game. They were also used for watch dogs. Great Danes were chosen as Germany's national dog in 1876.

**BREED APPEARANCE:** This breed is about 31-36" in height and they weigh about 110-175 pounds. They have a very powerful build with short hair. Their coat coloration ranges from black, brindle, blue, fawn or white with black patches.

## WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

This breed, despite being so big, is actually very gentle and affectionate. They are loyal, courageous and protective, making them a great watchdog.

## WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Great Danes tend to be aggressive towards other dogs. They are tough on household items because of their size. Great Danes also drool and because of their size, may knock down and injure a small child.

# Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** Great Danes make wonderful companions and are reliable and stable. They also make good watchdogs. Great Danes would much rather play with people than harm anyone.

**MINUSES:** Great Danes dig, drool, and are expensive to feed. This breed can have health problems and have a short life span.

## WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

People with limited space shouldn't own such a giant breed of dog.

## DO THEY SHED?

Great Danes don't shed that much and they require little grooming.

## WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This breed is generally good with children. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

## WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They can be aggressive with other dogs and are not good with cats.

## WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Great Danes are moderately active. They enjoy playing and should be walked about ½ hour each day.

## ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Great Danes are smart and easy to train. Training should be initiated as a pup. Owners should establish their dominance and it's important to socialize with other dogs to prevent aggressive tendencies.

## WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Great Danes experience hip dysplasia, heart problems, and cancer. Also, they suffer from bloat. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.