

Vail Great Danes Puppy Application

Application Date: _____
 Application Received @ Vailgreatdane: _____
 Date(s) Visited/Called: _____

Our goal is to place each of our puppies in a well-suited home where the dog will meet the owner's expectations and the owners will provide a home that matches the dog's personality and takes advantage of the its talents and skills. To help with this process, we ask that you complete the following application to formalize your interest in one of our puppies. Acceptance of this form by Vail Great Dane does not guarantee you a puppy but will enable you to be considered for one of our pups. Please attach additional sheets or use the back of the form if you need more space. Return your completed questionnaire to use via e-mail, fax or snail mail at the addresses below.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Work phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

E-mail

address(es): _____

Are you:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single, living alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single, living with a partner or roommate | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single, living with your parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | _____ |

Your Employer: _____

Spouse/Partner's Employer: _____

Please list all members of your household, including you, with ages and occupations:

Name	Age	Relationship to You	Occupation
You			
Your spouse/partner			

Puppy Expectations

How did you hear about us: _____

Why do you want a Great Dane? Why is this breed right for you? _____

Why do you want a puppy from our breeding program? _____

Do you have a strong preference for one sex or the other?

- I'd prefer a Female but will consider a Male
- I'd prefer a Male but will consider a Female
- I will only purchase a Female
- I will only purchase a Male
- I don't care about sex, preferring the best puppy for me

Why do you have a preference for one sex over another? _____

If you have a preference for a specific litter or dam, please let us know here. _____

What do you expect to do with this dog? (Check and/or circle all that apply.)

- Breeding
- Obedience
 - Rally and lower-level competition obedience (RN, RA, RE, RAE, CD, CDX)
 - Upper-level competitive obedience (UD, UDX)
 - Elite obedience (OTCh, National Invitational)
- Agility (which venues? _____)
 - TDX
 - VST
 - Urban
- Nosework
 - NW1/2/3
 - Elite
- Barn Hunt
- Coursing
- Dock Diving
- Competitive agility (NA/J, OA/J, AX/J)
- Master agility (MX, MXJ, MF)
- Master Agility Championship
- Elite agility (National championships, World Team)
- Tracking
 - TD
- Flyball
- Conformation
 - American Championship
 - Canadian Championship
 - Special
 - Other _____
- Search and Rescue Dog (SAR, HRD, Avalanche)
- Pet-assisted Therapy/R.E.A.D.

- Service dog
 - Psychological
 - Autism support dog
 - Mobility assistance dog
- Medical or other alert dog
- Other
- Other _____

What **experience** do you have with these activities? Who do you presently or plan to train with?

How would you describe the **personality or specific traits** you are looking for in your new dog? (Please be specific about energy level, drives, self-confidence, dominance/submission, water work, eye contact, intelligence, learning style, professional cuddler, appearance and anything else that is important to you in your dog.)

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **competition dog**, what will you do if the puppy does not meet your expectations in training or competing? _____

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **breeding prospect**, tell us about your breeding plans and program, past, present and future? _____

If you are purchasing this puppy as a **breeding prospect**, what will you do if the puppy cannot be bred? _____

Although we are flexible, we prefer to sell our **non-breeding performance dogs** on non-breeding contracts and AKC Limited Registrations, which means they are not to be bred and their offspring cannot be registered with the AKC unless we lift the Limited Registration. We are amenable about doing this for dogs that meet both our and the GDCA's breeding criteria. If you are buying a non-breeding, performance dog, how do you feel about purchasing your dog on a non-breeding contract? How do you feel about purchasing your dog on an AKC Limited Registration? _____

Are you on any **other breeders'** puppy lists? If so, whose? When is that litter due? _____

Are you or anyone in your household planning on getting **another puppy/dog during the next year**? If so, please provide details on breed, sex, breeder and goals for that puppy/dog.

Home Information

Do you **own or rent**? What kind of a home do you have a single family, condo, apartment, other? If you rent, do you have written permission from your landlord that you can have a Great Dane? _____

Do you have a fully **fenced** yard? Is it dog proof? What kind of fencing? How tall? _____

How much **traveling** do you do without your dog(s) during the year?

What **arrangements** have or will you make for the dog while you are away? _____

Do you have another home that the dog will frequent? Where is it located? Tell us about it. _____

Do you or anyone living in your household smoke? Yes No

Pet Ownership History

Please tell us a little about the **pets you have now**. What kind are they? What are their breed, sexes and ages? If registered, list your dogs' registered names and titles.

Please tell us a little about your past dogs. What breed were they? List your dogs registered names and titles.

If any of your dogs have been lost or died, please explain the circumstances.

Our Expectations of You

Keeping a Great Dane is not an inexpensive venture, between quality food, veterinary care, and training. Are you confident that you **know how much this dog will cost** you to maintain and that you have the resources to do so?

- Yes, I understand how much this dog's maintenance will cost and am very comfortable I can afford this dog
- Maybe, but I need more information about costs
- No, I am not sure how much this dog's maintenance will cost and/or I am not sure I can afford to keep this dog
- I don't know how much this will cost
- Other _____

We require all buyers to have their dog, once it is two years of age, tested for the various **genetic diseases** that Great Danes are susceptible to, including OFA x-rays for hip and elbow dysplasia, and examinations by a board-certified veterinary cardiologist and ophthalmologist for eye and heart problems. These tests can cost upwards of \$700, depending upon your area.

Will you ensure that your dog has this testing done between 24 and 30 months of age? _____

Do you understand that you must pay for these tests? _____

Do you understand that our warranty is contingent upon the completion of this testing by 30 months of age? _____

Do you agree to provide the test results to us? _____

We also ask each owner to participate in the University of Pennsylvania's Canine Behavioral Assessment Research Questionnaire C-BARQ (<http://vetapps.vet.upenn.edu/cbarq/>) at a minimum of 1 and 4 years of age. There is no cost to this participation but it requires completing a 10-15 minute on-line questionnaire. Are you willing to participate in our C-BARQ program? _____

How do you feel about **neutering or spaying** your dog if he/she is purchased either as a non-breeding performance dog or proves a less than ideal prospect for breeding? _____

Barring serious behavioral problems, are you willing to wait until your pup is **over 18 months of age** and, if female, has had at least one season, before spaying or neutering? _____

If purchased as a breeding prospect, are you willing to consider allowing us handle the breeding of your dog here at Vail's if he/she proves to be of breeding quality and you are unable to accomplish the breeding? _____

Lifestyle. Where will your **puppy** spend most of his/her **day**? _____

Once grown, where/how will your **dog** spend most of its **day**? _____

Where will your **puppy/dog** spend his **nights**? (e.g., crated in the bedroom, alone in kitchen, in garage, in outdoor kennel?) _____

For what periods of a normal day will your dog be left **alone**? _____

Will you be able to spend **more time** with the puppy when it first comes into your home? What arrangements have or must you make to do this? _____

We send all puppies in a litter home at the same time and prefer not to hold puppies past this period. Do you have any **vacations** planned for the next year that might limit when you can pick up your puppy? If so, when are they? _____

The first 16 weeks of your puppy's life is critical. Do you have any **vacations** planned in which you would not be able to include the puppy and thus would have to leave your puppy with someone other than an immediate family member? If so, when are they? _____

In what ways do you think having this dog will change your **lifestyle**? _____

What is your family's favorite forms of **recreation**? _____

Which of these **activities** would you include the dog in? _____

Feeding. What do you **feed** your present dogs? _____

What do you plan to **feed** your dog while it is a puppy? What do you plan to **feed** your dog once it becomes an adult? _____

If this food is not a super-premium dog food, are you willing to change to a better quality food, in particular one that is on the *Whole Dog Journal's* list of super-premium foods? If so, which food do you intend to change to?

Are you willing to consider a **natural and/or raw diet** for your dog? _____

Vaccinations. Recently, the American Veterinary Medicine Association has changed its vaccine recommendation to fewer, less frequent vaccinations. For what **diseases** do you vaccinate your present dog(s)? How **often** do you vaccinate? _____

For what diseases do you plan to vaccinate this new dog? _____

How frequently do you intend to vaccinate this new dog? _____

Are you **and your veterinarian** willing to use titers rather than vaccines to assess immunity? Please confirm this with your vet before answering. _____

Tell us why you have selected him or her to help you care for your animals? _____

Support Services. Who will you use for the following services for your Great Dane? Who will you use for the following services for your Great Dane? Have you met them? How did you find them?

Support Person

Groomer? _____

Veterinarian? _____

Puppy training classes? _____

Control, Exercise and Training.

Describe yourself as a trainer. Do you consider yourself an **“all-positive” trainer**? _____

How much and what type of **training** do you expect this dog will need and get each day/week? _____

We prefer buyers attend a **Puppy Kindergarten** class that includes free play among the puppies. Where will you and your puppy attend Puppy Kindergarten? _____

We prefer buyers to continue formal training with their dog for **at least one year**. Do you plan to do this? If so, where? If not, why not? _____

Do you allow your dogs or intend to allow future dogs to **run loose**? With or without supervision? _____

How much and what type of **exercise** do you expect this dog will need and get each day? _____

Contact With Us. Our goal is to remain in contact with our dogs and their owners for the dog's lifetime. This enables us to provide support and guidance for any issues that arise with the dog but it also allows us to collect information on the health and personality of the dogs in our breeding program. We use email and Facebook for most of this contact but also love to meet with Vail's owners if we are traveling to their area or they come here.

Are you on Facebook? Yes No What is your Facebook address? _____

How would you describe your activity on Facebook? Rare Weekly Daily Hourly

Are you willing to maintain membership on the Vail's private Facebook group or email list for this dog's lifetime? _____

References

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of people who could verify your qualifications and lifestyle-- such as the breeders of your present dogs, dog trainers, training partners, friends, and neighbors. You may use one family member reference but the other two must be non-family members. **We strongly prefer email contact** so

please try to get correct email addresses. Missing email addresses will delay and possibly even stop processing of your application. If you have other dogs or cats, your last reference must be your veterinarian.

1) Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

2) Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

3) Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

4) Veterinarian's Name _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____

Phone number _____

***Thank you for your time. Please return this questionnaire to:
Vail Great Dane
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