

**Considering adopting a senior Dane?
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**Mid-Atlantic Great Dane
Rescue League**

**Experience the
Best Kept Secret
of Dane Lovers**

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What's the big secret?

So you want to experience that sweet, “Velcro” personality that Great Danes are famous for? You want a dog who will be a Gentle Giant in your home, is not destructive, and won't require excessive training? One that already has nice manners and you won't have to “entertain” after a long day at work?

Best of all, would you like to adopt a dog that quickly bonds with you and your family — almost as though it has always lived with you?

Senior Danes RULE!

Keep reading, folks!

Top Dane breeders treasure their senior champions. They'll rarely give up their seniors — these are the sweetest years of a Dane's life.



Then there are the fosters who prefer seniors since they're the easiest to integrate into their household. And those who adopt a second, younger Dane, only to realize that a less active, more settled Dane might have been a better match. Those who've gone through the challenges of raising a puppy dream of the day when their dog is easy to manage, painless to live with, and who no longer eats their shoes — like a senior.

Seniors: Treasures of the Dane World!

Now you know the good. What about the bad?



Great Danes typically live for 7 to 9 years, although it's not uncommon for them to reach age 13.

Like other giant breed dogs, as Danes age they may exhibit the effects of musculoskeletal damage related to their size. Their discomfort may be successfully managed with daily medication.

Senior Danes sometimes become less sure of their footing. Slick floors should be covered and access to stairs may need to be limited. They may also need assistance getting into and out of vehicles.

Females may experience hormonal incontinence, another minor problem that becomes more common with age but can be controlled with a low-cost pill. In both genders, thyroid function should be monitored but medical management is cheap and easy.

It is common for older dogs to develop small fatty deposits, or 'skin tags.' With a Dane's sleek coat, they are more visible than with furrier breeds. Many vets recommend leaving them alone.

Serious illnesses may occur at any age, but they are more common in seniors. This is a stoic breed which works both for and against them. A Dane may not exhibit symptoms of serious illness in the early stages.

There are no guarantees with any Great Dane, regardless of age. The best approach to ensure that a senior Dane lives a long and healthy life is to have an initial vet visit, then checkups as recommended.

The love of a senior Dane is returned a 1,000-fold.

...and 'the ugly'

There is nothing uglier than the thought of a Dane abandoned by its family in its twilight years.

In most cases, it's not because there's anything wrong with the Dane. Instead it is usually because of owner changes — lifestyle, divorce, illness, or relocation.

In their golden years when Danes deserve the love and care of their family, a senior orphan is the ugliest reality of rescue.



But if a Dane has lost its lifelong family, will it accept mine?

Absolutely! And they bond very quickly, too.

Seniors miss the attention of their previous family, so they crave attention from their adoptive family. And as with any dog, if they were socialized early, they may also get along well with canine and feline family members.

Seniors are the best-kept secret of Dane lovers. Open your heart and home today!



Interested in a senior Great Dane?

MAGDRL now offers our seniors at a special low adoption fee:

Danes 6+ years old: \$200