

An aggressive Great Dane can be a very dangerous dog, and a crippled or chronically sick Dane can be more of a burden than a pleasure. Remember that a puppy is a lifetime decision that you will have to live with for its entire lifetime .

The Great Dane is unfortunately not a long-lived breed. But Dane lovers would agree that they'd rather have eight years with these dogs than twenty with another breed. And after you have shared life with one of these "gentle giants", chances are that you won't ever want to be without one again!
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“There is nothing like a Dane!” is often heard from fanciers of this breed. And while size alone makes him unique, the Great Dane’s personality is the quality that most find so appealing. The Dane is a “people dog” - a sensitive and affectionate companion. They can be elegant and dignified one moment, and then playful and silly the next. They were originally developed in Germany to hunt wild boar. And although they are no longer used for that purpose, they should still possess the confidence that made them suitable for that work. Because of their temperament, and the fact that they are generally clean and quiet, they make ideal inside-the-house pets. They do not make good “yard” dogs, because when segregated from human companionship, they can become very destructive.

Because a 25-pound eight-week-old male puppy will generally grow to about six times that weight, special consideration needs to be given before acquiring a puppy. Dogs are abandoned every day because their owners didn’t realize that their cute little puppy would grow up to be a very large dog with real needs. Therefore, anyone considering a Dane as a pet (puppy or adult), should first spend time with adults of the breed, and then ask themselves the following questions:

- Will I be able to provide enough food for a giant breed dog? They eat about three to six cups of high quality dog food twice each day.
- Can I afford the other expenses involved with owning a dog of this size? Medication, crates, bedding, equipment, supplies, toys, etc., all cost more for a giant breed dog.
- Am I prepared to provide a Dane with the companionship and exercise he requires? Danes thrive on lots of time spent with their favorite people, and love long walks.
- Am I able, and willing, to provide positive

and consistent training, beginning as soon as my Dane enters my home?

If after considering all of these questions, you are still determined to add a Great Dane to your family, then do consider adopting a homeless dog from a rescue organization. Danes of both sexes, and all colors and ages, are often available for adoption. If you must have a puppy, then screen breeders very carefully before buying. Make sure that any puppy that you consider, has been bred and reared to have a correct temperament, and that the parents have been screened for genetic defects like Hip Dysplasia, eye disease, thyroid disease, and Von Willebrand’s Disease.