

GREAT DANE CLUB of AMERICA

Job Description – Breed Mentor

The Breed Mentors of the GDCA are charged with the responsibility of being the gate keepers of the Great Dane. Their teaching, guidance and instruction to prospective judges of the Great Dane as well as the Dane community in general is the single most important tool for the knowledge, preservation and quality of the breed. Mentors will always act in the best interests of the Great Dane as well as those of the GDCA. The following points are delineated to establish duties, responsibilities and guidelines for a Breed Mentor.

- Breed Mentors will offer guidance, teaching and instruction to existing or prospective Great Dane judges and/or to the general Great Dane community.
- The substance of their teachings should mirror that of the GDCA and be indicative of their years of successful experience in the breed.
- A mentor is never to degrade a specimen that is being discussed. Most of the mentoring sessions will be held at ringside at a dog show and comments from either the mentor or mentee are subject to being overheard. If a specimen has inferior qualities, these should be acknowledged but without the use of inappropriate verbiage.
- The mentor should complete any required forms for the mentoring session and forward them to the Breed Mentor Coordinator.
- Mentors should, whenever possible, communicate suggestions for improvement/enhancement of the Breed Mentor program to the GDCA Board of Directors for consideration.
- Breed Mentors should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively upon themselves, the GDCA and the breed itself.