



# GREAT DANE CARE

*The short, smooth coat needs regular brushing to minimize shedding.*

Great Danes have gentle and loving dispositions, making them excellent family companions, but as with all dogs, they should be supervised around young children. Daily exercise is necessary. Their short coats require minimal grooming.

## NUTRITION & FEEDING

Depending on the size of your dog as an adult you are going to want to feed them a formula that will cater to their unique digestive needs through the various phases of their life. Many dog food companies have breed-specific formulas for small, medium, large and giant breeds.

The Great Dane is a large breed and has a lifespan of 8 to 10 years. What you feed your dog is an individual choice, but working with your veterinarian and/or breeder will be the best way to determine frequency of meals as a puppy and the best adult diet to increase his longevity. Clean, fresh water should be available at all times.

## COAT & GROOMING

Grooming can be a wonderful bonding experience for you and your pet. Their strong fast-growing nails should be trimmed regularly with a nail clipper or grinder to avoid overgrowth, splitting and cracking. Their ears should be checked regularly to avoid a buildup of wax and debris which can result in an infection. Teeth should be brushed regularly.

*coat length* **SHORT**

*grooming* **OCCASIONAL GROOMING**

## ENERGY & EXERCISE

Despite their sweet nature, Danes are alert home guardians. Just the sight of these gentle giants is usually enough to make intruders think twice. But those foolish enough to mistake the breed's friendliness for softness will meet a powerful foe of true courage and spirit. Kind and patient with kids, they are people pleasers who make friends easily. Danes are a joy to be with, but owning a dog of their size, weight, and strength is a commitment that should not be entered into lightly.

*energy level* **SOME EXERCISE**



# GREAT DANE & HEALTH

Like all breeds there may be some health issues, like hip dysplasia, eye disease, autoimmune thyroiditis and cardiac disease. Some dogs may be faced with these health challenges in their lives, but the majority of Great Danes are healthy dogs. Great Danes are fast growing and can have a lot of growing pains. Good nutrition, proper exercise is essential. A mild bone disorder called panosteitis is caused by inflammation of the growing long bone. It is usually self-limiting, the pup will limp and the limp may go from leg to leg. A vet will prescribe an anti-inflammatory drug and the pup will grow out of it. Other more serious bone disease are usually nutritional in nature and can be dangerous to the Danes wellbeing.