

Great Dane Club of Canada Annual Awards Rules & Regulations

*****Please note that these awards are for the previous calendar year unless otherwise indicated*****

Member of the Year:

Nominations are to be submitted directly to the National Secretary and/or the President.
Nominations are not Division restricted – i.e. a member in Eastern Division may nominate a member in Mid-West or Western Division.

Criteria for the Member of the Year award:

- Nominee must be a member, in good standing, of the Great Dane Club of Canada
- Nominee must be a full voting member for a minimum of three (3) years or more

Information to be included with the nomination

- How long has the nominee been a member
- Is the nominee a breeder? If so, what has he/she done to help better the breed?
- Within the club, what has the nominee contributed (volunteered, positions held, etc)

The Great Dane Club of Canada will provide the following:

- ❖ An Award
- ❖ A Certificate

Richmore Obedience Trophy

Award is based on the highest average score obtained by a Great Dane in a Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and/or American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctioned obedience competition event.

All owners of the Great Dane receiving this award must be a member(s) in good standing of the Great Dane Club of Canada.

No Great Dane is eligible for the Obedience Great Dane of the Year award until it receives its obedience title. The year, in which a Great Dane achieves its obedience title, all three of their highest qualifying scores will then be counted for the average score. This award may be applied for more than once, however, the same title cannot be used. Highest title achieved for the year of the award must be used; the owner may reapply with a subsequent title in the future.

An additional 50 points is added to the average score for receiving a Novice title, 60 points for an Open title, and 75 points for a Utility title.

The Great Dane may qualify multiple time provided subsequent awards are achieved in different years.

Only the highest qualifying titles in a calendar year may be used.

The Great Dane Club of Canada will provide the following to the principle owner that the Dane(s) resides with:

- ❖ An Award
- ❖ A Certificate
- ❖ A Ribbon

Breeder of the Year

(Based on the number of Champions a breeder has produced in the award year)

Criteria for the Breeder of the Year award:

- Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Great Dane Club of Canada.
- In the case of co-bred litters, one breeder must be a member in good standing of the Great Dane Club of Canada to qualify.
- The award is based on the number of Champions (Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and/or American Kennel Club (AKC)) a breeder has produced in the award year.
- Applicants must list the names of each Great Dane who has achieved the “Champion” title and specify the name and date of the show(s) the qualifying points were achieved for verification with Dogs in

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Canada official results. Proof of American Kennel Club (AKC) "Champion" title must be provided by the applicant.

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In the case of a tie, both applicants will be awarded

Blue Ribbon Puppy of the Year

- The recipient(s)/owner(s) must be a member(s) in good standing of the Great Dane Club of Canada for the year in which the award is being applied for.
- Presented annually to the Great Dane puppy, who has accumulated the most blue ribbons up to the date at which the Great Dane puppy has turned one year of age (i.e. the date of birth).
- Great Dane puppies are eligible for the Blue Ribbon Puppy of the Year award for the year in which a Great Dane puppy turns one (1) year of age on the date of its birth. **ALL** accumulated points count towards the award even if those points were gained in the previous calendar year.
- Ribbons accumulated from the classes count towards the blue ribbon award provided they are earned while competing for their championship title (10 championship points under three (3) or more judges in official classes of Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) sanctioned shows) and thereafter said Great Dane puppy must move up to compete as a Special. Any ribbons earned by the Great Dane, while still a puppy, will be awarded blue ribbon points as follows:

	All Breed Shows	Specialty Shows
Puppy Receiving A Championship	200	
Best of Breed	50	100
Best Of Opposite Sex	50	100
Best Of Winners	35	75
Winners Dog / Bitch	25	50
Select Dog / Bitch	20	20
Best Puppy In Breed	5	25
Best In Show	150	
Reserve Best In Show	125	
Best Puppy In Show	100	
Group Placing 1 – 4	100	
Best Puppy In Group	50	
Best Puppy In Sweeps	100	100

Applicants must list the names and dates of all shows at which the puppy achieved points contributing to this application for verification with Dogs In Canada official results. Proof of American Kennel Club (AKC) points must be provided by the applicant.

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In case of co-owned dogs, the award will be issued to the principle owner(s) that the Great Dane puppy resides with.

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- ❖ An Award
- ❖ A Ribbon
- ❖ A Certificate

In the case of a tie, both recipients will be awarded the Blue Ribbon Puppy of the Year award.

Versatility Awards

Purpose

To recognize and encourage all members of the Great Dane Club of Canada to participate in different dog activities. To showcase the intelligence and work ethic of the Great Dane breed.

Rules

1. Owner(s) must be a member in good standing of the Great Dane Club of Canada. In the case of co-owned dogs, the award will be issued to the principle owner(s) the Dane resides with.
2. Versatility awards will not be given posthumously.
3. Recognition may only be earned once within the same category, even if different titles have been earned under different organizations. The highest level title will be considered for each category. For example, a dog that has an AKC CDX and a CKC CD can only use one title towards the versatility award.
4. At each award level, it is not necessary to meet requirements from a different category than the previous level. For example, a person may use a CKC CD title for their Versatile Dane application, and then use it again when applying for the Versatile Dane Excellent award.
5. Applicants must use the official versatility application submitted with the appropriate documentation sent to the National Awards Coordinator.

The Great Dane Club of Canada will provide the following to the principle owner(s) in which the Dane resides:

- ❖ A Ribbon
- ❖ A Certificate

Awards

Versatile Great Dane (VGD)

- Must meet requirements from 3 categories or more from the Versatile Great Dane row as indicated in the following table

.Example

- 3 points towards championship, CGN, RN
- 5 points towards championship, PCD, TT

Versatile Great Dane Excellent (VDX)

- Must have earned the VGD title
- Must meet requirements from 3 categories or more from the Versatile Dane Excellent row or above as indicated in the following table.

.Example

- 8 championship points, CD, RA
- 6 championship points, TD, AGN

Versatile Great Dane Champion (VDCh)

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- Must have earned or qualified for the VDX
- A conformation championship title must be earned, along with requirements from the health testing portion.
- Additional 2 categories must be from the Versatile Great Dane Champion row or above as indicated in the following table

Example

- *Championship, CKC Intermediate agility title, TDX*
- *Championship, RA, CDX*

Lifetime Versatility Award (LVA)

- This award is designed to celebrate and recognize those once in a lifetime Danes who can be competitive in both conformation and other dog sports and also be healthy.
- Must have earned the VDCh
- A conformation championship title must be earned, along with requirements from the health testing portion.
- Additional 2 categories must be from the Lifetime Versatility Award row as indicated in the following table.

Example

- *CHIC, BISS, OTCH, Group 4th placement*
- *Championship, 150+ hours of therapy work, RE, OTCH*

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Category	Conformation	Obedience	Rally-O	Agility	Tracking	Therapy Work	Barn Hunt	Trick Dog	Sprinter FastCat	Scent Detection	Herding, Draft Dog, Misc	Health
Organizations	CKC, AKC, FCI	CKC, AKC	CKC, AKC, CARO	CKC, AKC, AAC, NADAC	CKC, AKC	CKC, AKC	BHA, CKC, AKC	CKC, AKC, DMWYD	CKC, AKC	CKC, AKC	CKC, Other	OFA, OVC, Other
Lifetime Versatility Award (LVA)	Any Group Placement, BISS BOSS BIS BPISS HIT*	OTCH	RAE	Elite, Masters / Excellent Title	TDX or higher	THDA THDD	RATS	TGCH	SX FCAT2 or higher	SDE SCE SIE SBE	Any 2 of the above titles, in any level	CHIC# with ALL tests PASSED
Versatile Great Dane Champion (VGDC)	Championship	CDX	RE	AGI Open	TD	THDA	RATO	TDCH	AS FCAT	SDO SDA SIA SEA SBA	Any alternative title	Any 3 health tests PASSED
Versatile Great Dane Excellent (VDX)	6 - 9 Championship Points	CD	RA	AGN Intro	TD	THD	RATN	ETD	S DCAT	SDN SIN SEN SBN	Any 2 qualifying legs.	Any 2 health tests PASSED
Versatile Great Dane (VGD)	3 - 5 Championship Points	PCD	RN	Any 2 Qualifying Scores	Pre Certification for AKC TD	THDN CGC CGN TT	RATI	ATD	NS BCAT	SDIN	Any qualifying leg	Any one health test PASSED

****MISC Column: Titles can be from any organization but must rank in equivalent difficulty as other titles in the corresponding row****

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Register of Merit (ROM)

The purpose of this award is to recognize sires and dams that have produced a significant number of Canadian and/or American Champions of record.

Criteria:

- Sires that have produced a minimum of eight (8) Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and/or American Kennel Club (AKC) champions are eligible for this title.
- Dams that have produced a minimum of four (4) Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and/or American Kennel Club (AKC) champions are eligible for this title.

For the ROM award, the following documentation must be submitted to the National Awards coordinator:

- The application with the Danes Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) registered name and number.
- The registered names and number of the offspring.
- A copy of the championship certificate or date of championship for each offspring.

The Register of Merit award shall not have any specific time frame and may be given to Great Danes living or deceased, whose owner(s), or agent, can provide the proper documentation.

Once approved, these names will be published on the Great Dane Club of Canada website and kept as a part of the club's permanent record. The club is requesting that a picture of the Dane be included on the Awards site.

This award can be applied for at any time of the year.

The application form is located on the Great Dane Club of Canada website.

The Great Dane Club of Canada will provide, upon approval, the following to the ROM recipient:

- ❖ A Certificate:

Contact the National Awards Coordinator for further information.

Hall of Fame (HOF):

The purpose of this award is to honour Danes that have excelled in producing quality get or for their accomplishments in the ring.

Criteria:

- Sires who have produced a minimum of 20 CKC and/or AKC champions will be inducted into the GDCC Hall of Fame
- Dams who have produced a minimum of 8 CKC and/or AKC champions will be inducted into the GDCC Hall of Fame
- A Great Dane who has been awarded at least 10 All Breed Best In Shows and/or 4 Best In Specialty Shows will be inducted into the GDCC Hall of Fame

For the HOF award, the following documentation must be submitted to the National Awards coordinator:

- The application with the Danes CKC registered name and number
- The registered names and numbers of the offspring
- A copy of the championship certificate or date of championship for each offspring

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- In the case of Best In Shows and/or Best In Specialty Shows dates of win and documentation must be provided

The Hall of Fame award shall not have any specific time frame, and may be given to Great Danes living or dead, whose owner or agent can provide the proper documentation

Once approved, these names will be published on the Great Dane Club of Canada website and kept as a part of the club's permanent record. The club is requesting that a picture of the Dane be included on the Awards site.

This award can be applied for at any time of the year.

The application form is located on the Great Dane Club of Canada website.

The Great Dane Club of Canada will provide, once approved, the following to the HOF recipient:

- ❖ A Certificate

Contact the National Awards Coordinator for further information.

Application for the above indicated awards are to be submitted to the National Awards Coordinator:

**National Awards Coordinator
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Fort McMurray, AB
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Application form are located on the Great Dane Club of Canada