

mid-atlantic great dane rescue league, inc.

Intake Questionnaire

Date: _____ Person Completing Form: _____

Dane's Name: _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Spayed or neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐ Color: _____

Owner/Shelter Contact Info: _____

Adoptability

- ☐ <5 yrs
- ☐ healthy
- ☐ minor health problems
- ☐ tolerant of men
- ☐ tolerant of women
- ☐ tolerant of children of all ages
- ☐ tolerant of all types of dogs
- ☐ good with cats
- ☐ no resource guarding

Neutral

- ☐ 5-7 yrs
- ☐ moderate health problems
- ☐ good with children between 8-12
- ☐ either not good with men OR not good with women
- ☐ good with only small dogs
- ☐ resource guarding with other dogs
- ☐ good with only female dogs
- ☐ good with only male dogs
- ☐ not good with cats
- ☐ no bite history but growl or snap in situations

Difficult to Adopt

- ☐ >7 yrs
- ☐ major health problems
- ☐ not good with children
- ☐ not good with men AND not good with women
- ☐ dog aggressive, can't live with any dog
- ☐ resource guarding with people
- ☐ bite history of any type (puncture, tear, etc)

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Key to Intake Questionnaire

Definitions to follow the classifications

Level I - Highly Adoptable

These are dogs that generally, are easy to find foster homes for and we generally will take without hesitation.

- Young, healthy, good with people (including being tolerant of children) and good with other dogs.
- Elderly, healthy, good with people (including being tolerant of children) and good with other dogs
- Young, minor health problems, good with other dogs, people (including being tolerant of children)
- Elderly, minor health problems, good with other dogs, people (including being tolerant of children)

Level II - Adoptable

These are dogs that pose somewhat more difficulty in finding foster homes for, but we still will take without hesitation.

- Young, good with people (including being tolerant of children) and good with other dogs, but have moderate health problems that have a good chance of treatment, offering the dog a high quality of life.
- Elderly, good with people (including being tolerant of children) and good with other dogs, but have moderate health problems that have a good chance of treatment, offering the dog a high quality of life.
- Young, healthy, good with people (including being tolerant of children) but have mild aggression problems with other dogs (ie: dogs that can tolerate being in homes with opposite sex dogs, but not same-sex dogs.)
- Elderly, healthy, good with people (including being tolerant of children) but have mild aggression problems with other dogs (ie: dogs that can tolerate being in homes with opposite sex dogs, but not same-sex dogs.)

Level III - Possibly Adoptable

These are dogs that pose some behavior management concerns, and will most likely take longer to find foster homes for and to place, but we feel are placeable in controlled situations.

- Young, healthy, good with people (but not tolerant of children) and good with other dogs.
- Elderly, healthy, good with people (but not tolerant of children) and good with other dogs
- Young, minor health problems, good with other dogs, people (but not tolerant of children)

- Elderly, minor health problems, good with other dogs, people (but not tolerant of children)
- Young, healthy (or with minor health problems) and good with people (including being tolerant of children). Having moderate to severe problems with other dogs of either sex.
- Elderly, healthy or with minor health problems, good with people (including being tolerant of children) but having moderate to severe problems with other dogs of either sex.

Level IV - Difficult to Place

These are dogs that we know will be difficult to place, but we believe they deserve a chance. Treatment, if expensive, must show a good chance of offering the dog a good quality of life and money for the treatment must be raised in advance.

- Young dogs that are good with people and other dogs, but have severe health problems

Level V – Very Questionable

These are dogs that we suggest we take only under after careful consideration, and only if there are trained fosters willing to do the work necessary to rehabilitate them.

- Dogs that show low tolerance for frustration
- Dogs that have a history of resource guarding (food, toys, locations, people) against people
- Dogs that show severe fear aggression toward people

Level VI - Not Adoptable

These are dogs that we suggest be declined.

- Elderly dogs with expensive chronic or acute diseases that have little chance of effective treatment
- Dogs that have bitten a person in an unprovoked attack either:
 - More than one incident of a bite (a puncture or tear) that drew blood.
 - A single incident, with multiple bites (puncture or tear) or with bites to the face, and which drew blood.
- Dogs that have bitten another dog in what appears to be an unprovoked attack resulting in:
 - Serious injury (multiple puncture wounds to the neck, legs or abdomen requiring stitches, rip and tear gashes to the neck or abdomen)
 - Death

Special Needs Dogs

- Special needs dogs need to go to foster homes rather than kennels.
- Deaf dogs fall under the same criteria as dogs without handicaps.
- Dogs with missing limbs fall under the same criteria as dogs without handicaps
- We discourage accepting blind dogs
- We recommend declining blind, deaf dogs

Definitions

Health

Minor health problems include:

- Flea allergies
- Wounds
- Ticks
- Happy tail
- Intestinal worms
- Ear infections
- Anemia
- Minor heart murmur

Moderate health problems include:

- Asymptomatic heartworms
- Sarcoptic mange
- Injuries (broken limbs, ACL injury)
- Mild demodex mange
- Mild hip dysplasia
- Cherry eye/ Entropion
- Pyometra

Severe health problems include:

- Wobbler's
- Advanced demodex mange
- Heart disease
- HOD
- Severe hip dysplasia
- Cancer

Children

Tolerance of children:

- Gentle around toddlers
- Tolerant of sudden noise, sudden movement
- Tolerant of poked eyes, pulled ears and tail
- That when he's had enough of the child, he chooses to move away rather than freeze, snarl, air snap or bite

Intolerant with children:

- Immediately shows signs of stress (panting, pacing, whining, eyes held open wide) in the presence of children
- Snaps if a child initiates contact
- Has nipped a child

