



DANE CARE GUIDE

Follow our Feeding Recommendations notated on separate Nutrition & Supplement document – CRUCIAL during the first 12 -24 months.

FEEDING CHART – Side note: never feed RAWHIDE!

- Always allow for one hour rest before AND after feedings
- We recommend raised feeding bowls only.
- This is for guidance only; every dog is different. Danes should never be obese. Growing puppies are better LEAN, to avoid growth issues.

2 months or 8 weeks = 2-4 cups per day - (divided into 3 meals daily)
3 months or 12 weeks = 3-5 cups per day - (divided into 3 meals daily)
4 months or 16 weeks = 4-6 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
5 months or 20 weeks = 5-7 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
6 months or 24 weeks = 6-8 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
7 months 6-9 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
8 months..... 6-9 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
9 months..... 7-10 cups per day- (divided into 2 meals daily)
10 - 12 months.....7-10 cups per day - (divided into 2 meals daily)
12 -18 months males - 8-10 cups a day (divided into 2 meals daily)
12 -18 month females -6-9 cups a day (divided into w meals daily)

FLAT SIDED CRATE BUCKETS

Great to adjust height as puppy grows, while offering calm crate feeding.

- 2qt for puppies
- 4qt for adults



CRATE

MIDWEST COLOSSAL CRATE – XXL

For puppies – you'll need to put a divider to make the crate smaller for potty training, or use a smaller crate to start.

PET INSURANCE

The cost for medical needs and emergencies is expensive. PLEASE immediately enroll your puppy in pet insurance to help protect them and your wallet. Here are our top recommendations:

- Nationwide Pet Insurance
- ASPCA Insurance
- Trupanion
- Embrace

CARPETS/RUNNERS

Protecting your dog from slipping is very important. Especially during key growth stages, and during senior years.

- We **STRONGLY** recommend you have rugs and runners around high traffic areas, on slippery floors such as tiles and wood floors.
- Do not let your dog run on these surfaces

GROWING ISSUES: WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR – CONTACT ME RIGHT AWAY IF ANY SYMPTOMS BEGIN

-References below are directly from www.greatdanelady.com

PANOSTEITIS (PANO)

Pano, is what breeders call this disease. It is the least invasive and least threatening of the bone diseases

- Wandering Lameness (Eosinophilic Panosteitis)
- Also Known As Growing Pains in Dogs (and Children) soreness in the long bones
- Rapid Rate of Growth
- Spontaneous Recovery/ Self Limiting Disease
- Achy Arthritis, if it lasts long periods of time their may be muscle wasting
 - 6 - 14 months (9-12 months being the likely period)

HOD - HYPERTROPHIC OSTEODYSTROPHY

- Normally Affects the Large/Giant Breeds (matures 50#+)
- Dogs Grow Too Fast
- Uneven growth between muscle, ligaments, tendons and bone/cartilage

NUTRITIONALLY CAUSED BY:

- Too many calories consumed vs energy expended
- unbalanced diet disrupted by supplementing human foods that are not balanced in calcium/phosphorus ratios
- Poor quality minerals in a diet or lacking in important trace minerals.

Age Range for Disease: 10 weeks - 6 months (worst time is 3 months - 6 months) - although Knuckling Over or Bowed legs are an early indication and this can start at 5 weeks of age if feed too many calories.

SYMPTOMS

- Early stages: large knotty joints, toes turning in or out, beginning of knuckling
- Middle stages: large knotty joints, toes turning in or out, roached toplines, pinched rear end assembly, advanced knuckling
- Advanced stages: fever (104-106), refusal to eat, jaw tender, swelling of joint areas often hot to the touch animals cry in pain, unable to get up, flat feet, bowing of the limbs, lack of mobility, depression polyarthritis in all limbs.

HEARTWORM PREVENTION

- Safe and effective drug found [here](#)

BLOAT

In the event your pet is bloating, time is of the essence. To help avoid torsion and buy you time to get to the vet - please have phazyme, and acid reducer on hand at all times.



[http://www.bmdinfo.org/Health/Reference Guide Bloat GDV.pdf](http://www.bmdinfo.org/Health/Reference%20Guide%20Bloat%20GDV.pdf)

Quick Reference Guide For GDV		BLOAT			Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...
	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment	
Stress ▶▶▶ Excitement ▶▶▶▶ Vigorous Exercise ▶▶▶▶ Large Meals ▶▶▶▶ Long Drink ▶▶▶▶ Swallowed Air ▶▶▶▶ Familial Tendency ▶▶▶▶	Stomach function is normal.	Dog behaves as usual.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.	
	Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Be aware of Phase I symptoms.		
	PHASE I GDV Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.	
PHASE II GDV	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.	
PHASE III GDV	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.	

SUGGESTIONS & CARE:

BEST BEDS AROUND: KURANDA BEDS

They last a lifetime and provide support to your dane so they do not develop sores from the ground beds. You can shop for deals through various online merchants.

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For dogs up to 250 lbs.

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GASTROPEXY

See link below. This has a Chart showing the different tacking options. The incisional procedure (NOT laparoscopically) is the recommended option.

<http://www.gdca.org/health/gastropexy.pdf>

VACCINES – DR. JEAN DODDS VACCINE PROTOCOL

2016 DODDS VACCINATION PROTOCOL FOR DOGS

9 - 10 WEEKS OF AGE

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV
e.g. Merck Nobivac (Intervet Progard) Puppy DPV

14 – 15 WEEKS OF AGE

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV



18 WEEKS OF AGE

Parvovirus only, MLV

Note: New research states that last puppy parvovirus vaccine should be at 18 weeks old.

20 WEEKS OR OLDER, IF ALLOWABLE BY LAW

Rabies – give 3-4 weeks apart from other vaccines
Mercury-free (thimerosal-free, TF)

1 YEAR OLD

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV

This is an optional booster or titer. If the client intends *not* to booster after this optional booster or intends *to* retest titers in another three years, this optional booster at puberty is wise.

1 YEAR OLD

Rabies – give 3-4 weeks apart from other vaccines
3-year product if allowable by law: mercury-free (TF)

***** PLEASE BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PET – BEFORE VACCINATING YEARLY, ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN TO PERFORM A BLOOD TITER TO SEE IF YOUR PET STILL HAS THE ANTIBODY PROTECTION FROM INITIAL VACCINE SERIES. STUDIES NOW SHOW, A VACCINE LASTS ON AVERAGE 6+ YEARS. *****

HOW TO DREMEL YOUR DOG'S NAILS

Keeping the nails short and manicured is a much safer position then having long nails on any pets.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApapnNQuKXg>

Any basic Dremel can be bought at walmart, home depot, lowes etc.

GOLDEN PASTE – SEE ARTICLE [HERE](#) FOR RECIPE AND BENEFITS

- A natural anti-inflammatory with many additional benefits