

# Paws for Danes



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## Seattle Kennel Club Shows

Please visit the Dane Outreach booth at the 2014 Seattle Kennel Club Dog Shows. We'll be running our award-winning "Meet the Breeds" booth on the upper floor, answering questions and Great Danes will be on hand to meet and greet visitors.

Saturday & Sunday, March 8 & 9

10 a.m. - 3pm both days

CENTURYLINK FIELD EVENT CENTER

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GDCWW members will be participating with us.



## Attention Office Depot Shoppers

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## New Adoptable Danes Incoming

After briefly closing adoption operations during the holiday season 2013, Dane Outreach has a number of Danes coming into the program very soon that will be

program? If you don't, and would like a very easy way to help Dane Outreach, then perhaps you'd like to "donate" your points earned with purchases there. Also, you can recycle your used ink cartridges there to earn points. Simply give the cashiers the Dane Outreach Rewards number at checkout. The number is the Dane Outreach voice mail phone number, 206-654-5111. Thanks for your help, and please pass this on!

## A Great Dane Owner's Primer To Crates

By Georgia Hymmen



### Why Use A Crate

People who have never crate trained often have misconceptions about crates. They think crate use is mean, a form of punishment, or it's even cruel to crate a dog. **Just the opposite is true.** Proper crate use can speed up housebreaking and prevent destructive chewing—a big problem for some Danes.

To understand why crates work so well with dogs, you need to

either courtesy listed or available for adoption from our foster homes. If you're interested in possibly adopting this year, please be sure your adoption application is up to date and reapply if you applied more than 3 years ago. Also be sure to like our Facebook page and sign up for our mailing lists so you can hear about dogs as soon as they are available.

## Upcoming Dane Outreach Events

Dane Outreach is planning to participate in a number of local events in the Puget Sound area during the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2014. Please check our Facebook page and our [Education Events](#) page on our website periodically as we finalize our events calendar for 2014. Come visit us, ask us questions, and meet a Dane!

## Success Story Updates

Please send us updates on Danes you've adopted through Dane Outreach. We love to hear how the dogs we've placed are doing throughout their lifetimes. We love photos too! Send them along and we'll include your updates right here.

Anne writes:

It's been a long time since I last sent you an update, but I thought you might be interested to hear that Syrus (one of your foster pups) is doing great. He's been with us for awhile now and is 10-1/2 years old, but the vet jokes that someone forgot to tell him.

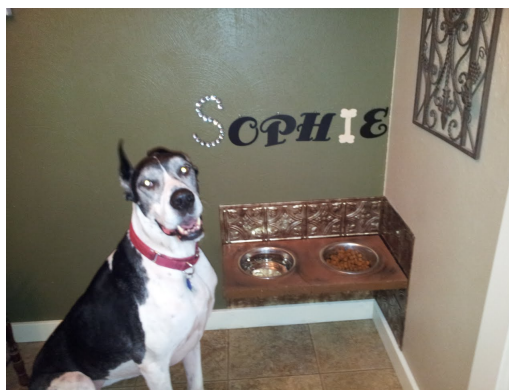


Krista writes:

remember dogs are den animals, and Danes are no different. Given a chance, a young puppy will seek out a protected place, a "den". If you watch a litter, you will notice they often go to a corner to sleep in. At your home, the puppy may go to sleep under an end table, against the couch, or some other "protected" area. When you provide a crate, you are giving the puppy a safe and secure "den"—their bedroom, so to speak. Crates are also very useful when you travel. When in your vehicle, the crate provides a safe and secure place for your dog. When you get to your destination, the crate can be put in the motel room and the dog has a familiar place—and you know you won't be having to pay to repair damage an uncrated dog may cause.

Crate training is relatively easy if a few basic guidelines are followed. First and foremost, the crate is not to be used for punishment. It is a place for your dog to rest quietly or sleep. Second, be reasonable about the amount of time your Dane will spend in it at any one period. How long that is will depend greatly on your dog, his age, and his personality and his activity level. Expecting an adolescent Dane puppy to spend eight hours in a crate while you go to work is unreasonable. Expecting a baby Dane to spend three to four hours is reasonable if the puppy has had adequate time to run and play, and of course go

Just put the finishing touches on a kitchen remodel and thought I send you a pic. Sophie is a great part of the family.



## 10 Cold Weather Pet Safety Tips

You're probably already aware of the risks posed by warm weather and leaving pets in hot cars, but did you know that cold weather also poses serious threats to your pets' health?

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe during cold weather:

- 1. Know their limits:** Just like people, pets' cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health.
- 2. Provide choices:** Pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth.
- 3. Stay inside:** Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather.
- 4. Check the paws:** Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage, such as cracked paw pads or bleeding.
- 5. Play dress-up:** If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat.
- 6. Wipe down:** After walks, wipe down (or wash) your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove chemicals.
- 7. Prevent poisoning:** Clean up any antifreeze

potty!

spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly.

8. **Avoid ice:** When walking your dog, stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water.
9. **Be prepared:** Prepare a disaster/emergency kit for winter storms. Have enough food, water and medicine on hand to get through at least 5 days.
10. **Feed well:** Keep your pet at a healthy weight throughout the winter.



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