

# INTERVIEW WITH ANITA DUNNE, DUNDANE KENNELS

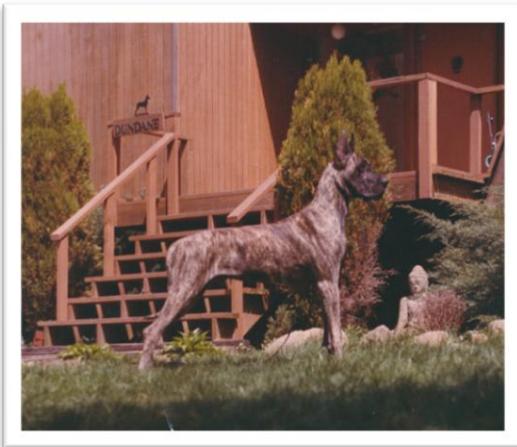
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I was both excited and honored when asked to conduct an interview with Anita & Sue of Dundane Kennels. These two wonderful and entertaining ladies have been involved with the Great Dane Breed for more than 50 years. While both these Grand Dames are represented in this interview for the most part Sue sits back and lets Anita shine in all her glory, correcting her recollection and facts when needed. so lets get started..

**Robert 'Bobby' Payne**

**Anita, please share with us how you got started in Great Danes?**

**Anita:** My husband and I were visiting our families in England when we bought our first Great Dane. Although he was a great dog and addition to the family he was not a show dog. I bought my very first show dog from Southgate Kennels in Michigan. She went on to become Ch. Southgate Yesca and produce some wonderful dogs.



Ch Dundane's Bacarat v Brookside

**When did you and Suzanne partner to become Dundane Kennels?**

**Anita:** I met Suzanne in 1971. Our first champion as Dundane was Ch. Dundane's Catrinka. We have bred fawn and brindles and got our CH. Dundanes Baccarat V Brookside. He was our beautiful brindle foundation

dog. He sired 23 champions including "Barney" or CH. Dundane Whistles at Sharcon. Barney was a fawn male who sired over 50 champions (and still counting) he was inducted into the hall of fame in 2008. Barney sired a dog named Ch. Primrose chase the clouds, who went on to produce A bitch named Ch. Dundane's Rising Star , who herself produced nine champions. We have produced many wonderful champions and companions.

**Can you share with us some of your most memorable accomplishments in Danes?**

**Anita:** Well, I would have to say having our Ch Southgates Yesca hold the honor of winning the first ever Canadian Great Dane National and Her son being the winner of the second Canadian Great Dane National. Along with Barney or Ch. Dundane Whistles at Sharcon being the sire of all but one class winner of the "93" Great Dane Club Of America's National Specialty. Of course

we can't forget Ch. Dundanes Shooting Star or Wilma who is a Champion of record in EVERY COUNTRY in Europe.

**In your opinion, what is the area we need to improve upon in the breed?**

**Anita:** Well we have far too many light eyes and gay tails, lack of substance is also an issue. These are things I find it hard to overlook, after all these are GREAT DANES.

**When did you become a judge and what was your most memorable assignment?**

**Anita:** I became a judge around 1983, I have to say when I judged in India, I loved it, it was very different. My host and hostess treated me as family, they bought me a Sari, took me to a



BISS Ch Primrose Chase The Clouds

wedding, shopping and to the Temples of Mysore. I suggest anyone who wants to go to India to go it's wonderful. I have also judged in Norway, Sweden and Denmark as well as New Zealand. I have met many fantastic people from all over and one thing about Dane people the world around is they are thoughtful and kind where ever you go.

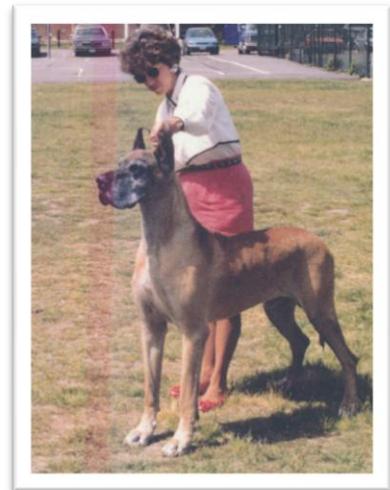
**As a breeder myself, I sometimes hear people say "I would never sell to India", what are your**

**thoughts.**

**Anita:** Well as with anyone, anywhere you must get to know your buyers and check them out. I don't ship, so I get to know people when they come to my home, they usually travel long distances and some stay the night or weekend. Having been to India to judge I was able to visit some kennels and get to know many people. There are currently dogs competing in India that carry the Dundane name.

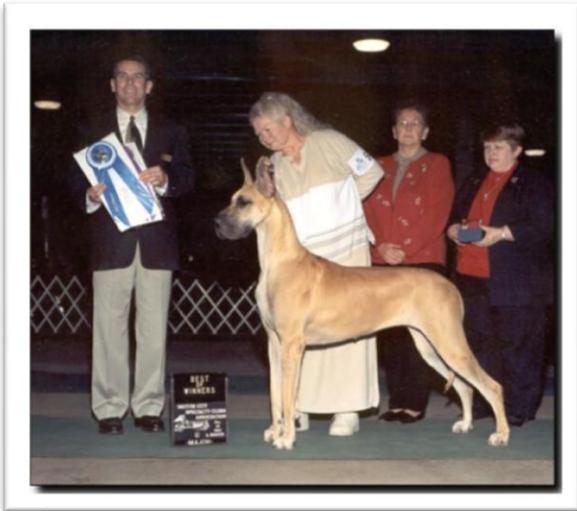
**Anita, in your opinion who is the best dog or bitch you have bred.**

**Anita:** Bogie or Ch Dundane Baccarat V Brookside, he was a great dog that produced 2 National specialty Winners, BISS Ch. Alano's Anastasia V Maitau and BIS, BISS Ch. Owlwatch Aztec Sun. Along with a Best In Futurity winner and 23 other Champions. Our best producer was Ch. Dundane Whistles at Sharcon or Barney.



Ch Dundane's Whistle At Sharcon

**I also know that even though Great Danes are your favorite breed you have had success in another breed correct?**



**Ch Dundane's How Sweet It Is**

**Anita:** Yes, Annie Clark a dear friend gave my daughter a whippet in the early 80's. My daughter finished this bitch and bred her. Out of this breeding came the top whippet bitch Ch Raybar's I'm Rim.

**So, what advice would you give a beginner, new to our breed?**

**Anita:** If you are new to the sport and breed find a good mentor, watch other breeds and when

you see what wows you... GO FOR IT.

**Anything else that you think the readers would like to know?**

**Anita:** It has been a long and fulfilling journey from 1963 till today. Sue and I have had a great career in Danes. In the last few years we have been joined by Paul La Marre( a renowned artist with paintings of marine vessels in many museums throughout the U.S.) who owned Ch Dundane's Rolling Stone. Paul has handled for us for nine years. His love and enthusiasm for the breed is mind boggling, he also takes his life into his own hands every show by driving two old



**Ch Dundane's Queen of Hearts II**

ladies to the dog shows, Brave to say the least.

Suzanne's grandson Henry Jedynak, helps with all the dogs and is the exclusive handler for Agnes. They are a formidable pair in the ring working together as one. Henry has shown Agnes to wins that include a major and several points.

Stephanie Blades who keeps our website up and running and has several Dundane progeny, including the beautiful Ch. Dundane's Dances with Fireside, Whom, with limited showing is currently in the top 20.

Robert "Bobby" Payne, our west coast arm of the family and Dundane's West. Bobby, currently has Ch. Dundane's That's All You Need To Know(love that name) and Dundane's Goes West..



**Ch Dundane's Trace of Bacarat**

Anita and Sue have maintained a wonderful partnership spanning over forty years. They are still actively breeding. Anita say's that her success in dogs would not have been possible without Suzanne, and Suzanne admits to the same. These two women make a winning pair and their contributions to our breed are undeniable and many.

Again, I was honored to have done this interview. It is always a pleasure to speak with these wonderful women. I have known them for 25 plus

years. They have been my friends, my mentors and my inspiration, as well as my critics (I have needed that from time to time). I have had the privilege to own and still own Dundane offspring. I will continue to breed and produce the type of quality dogs that Anita and Sue are known for. I am elated to be Dundane West.

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*Great Dane Review would like to Thank Anita and Bobby for taking time to do this interview.  
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