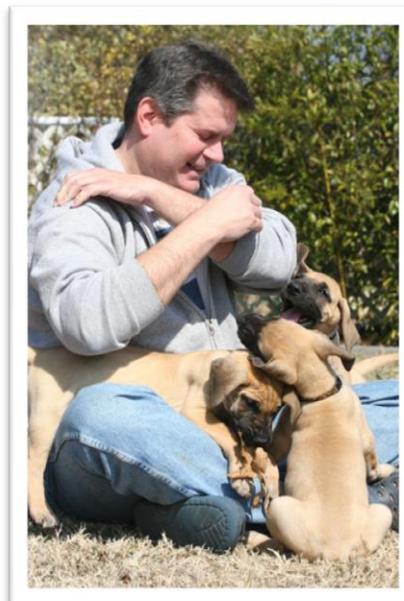


**Judging at the
Great Dane Club Of Western Washington
Steve Arnold
Sweeps
September 22, 2012**



The morning was very brisk, and overcast at the outdoor show....so several of the puppies were more playful and bouncy as opposed to being showy. I knew they had another three times in the ring after the morning Sweepstakes, so my goal was to make quick decisions and move on. Several of the puppies may have done better had they been less frisky, but overall, I was greeted by some lovely Great Danes.....all of them with wonderful temperaments!

My Best in Sweepstakes was a lovely bitch that was just 14 months old. She appeared ready for an Open Class with her maturity. My personal "preference" for depth AND WIDTH of chest was easily found on her. She had nicely complementing angles front and rear, and a beautiful square outline. I also enjoyed seeing her nice legs with proper transition into her pasterns. We are seeing too many straight pasterns, and this girl was just lovely!

My Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps was a young puppy just a few days past his six month birthday. WOW!!! What a headpiece! Nice square puppy with lovely legs, top line, balance....and just a smidge of a "I wanna do it myself" attitude. When he smooths out moving, he's going to be a super nice show dog as well.

As an overall observation, I was pleased to see how square most of the entry was. All of the dogs stood well for their exams and seemed to have wonderful temperaments. They were "Apollo's" and accepted my approach very comfortably. I would certainly like to see these puppies again when they have grown up! At another venue, another time, several of my placements could have been different. I was very pleased with the quality of the puppies presented.

The hospitality of the Great Dane Club of Western Washington was delightful. They offered coffee and doughnuts to the exhibitors prior to the start of the shows (great warm up for the overcast weather) and a wonderful spread of home-cooked foods for lunch. I had a great day, and wish to thank the Great Dane Club of Western Washington the opportunity to judge their Sweepstakes.

Sincerely,
Steve Arnold

Results

BIS: LINCOLN'S BELIEVE IN FRIENDS V DES'DANY
breeders Claire Lincoln and Kirsten Kaufman
Owners: Sandra and Milton Britts

BOS: ICON-HUDSON'S SOME BEACH
BREEDERS: Jamie Harshfield, Jordan Harshfield , Josh Burton and Kathy Toomey
OWNERS: Jamie Harshfield, Jordan Harshfield , Josh Burton

