

12 Questions with

# Steve Arnold

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**1) Please tell us your name, where were you born, where you reside now and your occupation?**

Steve Arnold. I was born in Pontiac, MI (YANKEE!!!) Now living in Dallas, Texas for the past 28+ years. I manage a professional grooming school, and occasionally show dogs (my own and clients) on weekends.

**2) What year did you start in Great Danes and why did you choose this breed?**

My first Dane was from Hazel and Bob Gregory (Von Reisenhof). That was 1989. My friend Hilda Long wanted a dog to show when we traveled together showing my Afghan Hounds. I got hooked.

**3) What is your kennel name and what is the origin of that name?**

Summit View. I used to drive into work in Fort Worth and took the Summit Street exit. It was a high point in town. I always thought it was a great "name" because it helped me reach my destination....and Summit View just kind of developed from there. Summit (Top) View (to see or be seen).

**4) Who was your first Champion Great Dane, what color and what was the lineage of the dog?**

Ch. Von Reisenhof Anastasia Long. She was from Bob and Hazel Gregory's Von Reisenhof breeding.

**5) What aspects of the breed would you like to see breeders work toward improving?**

Definitely temperament, longevity and health. Pretty dogs are great, but you have to be able to live with them!

**6) Who was/is the single most important Great Dane you have owned or bred and why?**

Houston's Just A Flirt. She was pointed to 5 singles, but had a very skinny (pin) head. After 5 – 6 start overs in Great Danes, she became my first champion producer (dam of 5 champions!) When her daughter Kisses finished (Ch. Summit View Kiss and Tell) I became an emotional wreck in the ring!

**7) In a single sentence please describe the Great Dane breed to someone who has never seen one.**

A giant breed that finds a way to wrap around your heart, returning your attentions 10-fold.



**8) Share one of the most important lessons someone taught you about the dog show world?**

Listen to everyone, and make your own choices. Stand up for what you believe is right and don't let the negatives effect you.

**9) What Great Dane, not owned or bred by you, comes closest to the ideal Great Dane in your mind's eye and why? Describe.**

I've been watching Danes for almost 30+ years...so many that I've seen in pictures didn't "fit the bill" when seen in person. Advertising and photographers CAN change an impression! I loved watching Oscar (Ch. Sasdania Frozen Assets) being stacked up by Jane.

**10) What would you like judges to pay attention to when evaluating Great Danes?**

Temperament, Temperament, Temperament....this is not a training match. I am much more critical of dogs not standing for exam much more quickly than some of the judges I've watched. This dog is a giant. Temperament should never be a question when presented in the ring. Yes....I understand some dogs are territorial and protective at home and of their space....but a dog of this size should never be a questions when walking into the ring.

**11) Do you have a talent, skill or ability that folks might not be aware of?**

I also do hair (poodles that is...)

**12) In a movie about your life, who would be cast to play you and what would be the title of the movie?**

??? Gilligan's Island 2014??? It seems I always have too many projects going on, and everything may seem jumbled, but I keep finding my way to the top...

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