

Meet.....

*Owner Handler
Janet Watson
Tavern Great Danes*

1) How did you get started?

Let me introduce myself. I am Janet Watson, I am married to Auburn Lyons we live in Northeastern Pennsylvania. We began our Dane Quest looking into getting a rescue. With rescue not being an option. (They said that we lived too far away to be certified). Through friends, we discovered that they had cousins that had Great Danes. This is how we discovered Nancy Simmons (Shoreline Great Danes). Upon contacting Nancy we discovered that she had a litter due. When we got to see the puppies at our first puppy party, we picked out our new "pet" a cute brindle boy. We took tons of pictures that day, including this little fawn boy (blue collar) who was just comical. Nancy explained that everyone getting a puppy needed to pick out a song related title to AKC name their puppy. So on the way home Bonnie Raitt "Something to talk about" came on the radio. I said perfect! The neighbors keep asking why we are putting up such a big fence. In the following weeks, things began to change. Nancy called and asked if we wanted to come see the puppies. Sure why not only 3 hours each way on a Sunday. Nancy wanted to talk to us, she explained that one of the "show homes" changed their mind. (She started setting the hook!) She asked us about switching puppies and taking a show pick. We had tons of questions, but agreed, not knowing what we were getting ourselves into. At nine weeks old we ended up picking up Blue Collar, that little fawn boy. With hopes of being able to show him and obtain his championship that Nancy spoke about. Nancy said that it is possible to show a dog yourself. Needless to say the first year showing Sebastian was a lot of lessons both in and out of the ring. By the second year we really started to get the hang of things. I finished his AKC Championship, what an exciting day that was. Since we were already hooked on the dog shows. I entered him in as a special. It has and continues to be a Fairy Tale. I encourage anyone that wants to show their dog to give it a try. Being an owner / handler is all what you make of it, for me it has been a thrill of a lifetime.

Proud Owner / Handler of BISS GCH CH Shoreline's Som'Thing T' Talk Abt AOM "Sebastian".
2009 & 2010 Top 20, 2010 All Breed & Grand Champion Top 20, 2010 Westminster – Best of

Opposite, 2011 Westminster – 1st Award of Merit, 2011 GDCA - Award of Merit, Multiple Group placements - AKC, UKC – Multiple Best in Show & Champion, Canada – Currently working on his



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2) What has been your most valuable lesson?

Never stop presenting your dog.

3) What tip could you pass on to others starting out wanting to owner handle?

Determination & Patience We started out with 15 reserves and no points our first year.

GDR would like to thank Janet Watson for taking the time to answer our questions.