

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South

Code of Conduct

All members of the Great Dane Club of the Mid-South are expected to uphold and adhere to the following expectations of behavior and etiquette while at club meetings, club sponsored events, and in all club correspondence. We value freedom of speech and diversity of opinions but recognize the need to set clear standards for how these are expressed.

Members should observe accepted practices at all times.

1. Members will be courteous to each other and support/assist other members in seeking the best possible solution to the problem being discussed.
2. Share knowledge truthfully, constructively, and respectfully when conveying information.
3. Allow each other the opportunity to speak and comment.
4. Follow the guidance of the meeting chair in keeping with the agenda so to help each other reach effective decisions.
5. Avoid cross-talking.
6. Stay relevant and to the point.
7. Avoid all abusive and/or foul language.
8. Avoid making real or implied threats to individual members or the club in general.
9. Remember that each member only represents his or her own view.
10. Keep in mind that the purpose of the meetings, events, and correspondence is for the general benefit of the membership and not specific individuals.
11. Do not speak or write on behalf of the club without prior agreement of the group. Any correspondence sent on behalf of the club should be made available to all members of the club.

12. Members will not engage in and will discourage others from maligning, defaming, or making libelous, slanderous, or malicious criticism regarding another member, their dogs, and/or their breeding program.
13. Assistance, mentoring, and encouragement shall be willingly offered by members to novice members and others needing advice and guidance. The welfare of the breed will be in their hands in the future
14. Members will display good sportsmanship and conduct themselves regardless of the circumstances in a manner that gives credit to themselves, the GDCMS, the AKC, and the breed.
15. Regardless of location or circumstance, it is the responsibility of each member to keep control of his or her dog and not allow that dog to become a nuisance to others.
16. No Officer, Director, or other member shall knowingly represent his/her personal opinion to be the official position of the GDCMS or of its Board of Directors in the media or other means of public communication.
17. All members are expected to familiarize themselves with and adhere to all AKC rules, regulations and requirements pertaining to the sport of dogs, the AKC Code of Sportsmanship (attachment A), the GDCA Code of Ethics (attachment B), the Constitution, By-Laws, and regulations of the GDCMS and this Code of Conduct.

As a member of the Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

Signature _____

Date _____