

Judging Program
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.
2026 National Specialty Show
October 19 – 24, 2026
Hosted by the GDCA South Division



Independent Specialty Show
Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee Specialty
Licensed by the American Kennel Club
Sunday October 25, 2026
Specialty with NOHS # 2026752415



MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center
1901 Meadowview Pkwy, Kingsport, TN 37660 • 423-578-6600

Show Hours each day: 8:00 AM to half hour after completion of all judging

AKC Weekend Club Hotline: (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at:
<https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/event-cancellation-information>.

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(Member of the American Kennel Club)

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AKC National Owner-Handled Series • Points for Reserve Available

Monday, October 19, 2026

2 Great Dane only Agility Trials #2026067101 & #2026067107

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Obedience Trial 1 #2026067102, Rally Trial 1 #2026067104
Futurity

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Rally Trial 2 #2026067106 and Obedience Trial 2 #2026067103

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Conformation Begins #2026067105
Regular & Non-Regular Dog Classes

Friday, October 23, 2026

Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Classes

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Junior Showmanship & Intersex Competition

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Great Dane Specialty by Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee



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American Kennel Club Rules
and Regulations

EXHIBITOR SERVICES

Show Photographer

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Only the authorized show photographers for the 2026 National Specialty have the right to sell any photos whatsoever, in any format, taken of events in the ring or of winners at the 2026 National.

Veterinarian (On call)

Monday - Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Colonial Heights Animal Hosp
209 Colonial Heights Rd, Kingsport, TN 37663
423-726-5189 • <https://www.colonialheightsvet.com>

Veterinarian (After Hours)

Monday - Thursday 5:30 pm – 8:00 am & Friday 5:30 pm - Monday 8am
Airport Emergency Animal Clinic
2436 TN 75, Blountville, TN 37617
423-279-0574 • www.apecvet.com

Emergency On-Site Contact

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COMPETITION INFORMATION

Points for Reserve

The Great Dane Club of America, Inc. will award at its National Specialty a three-point major to Reserve Winners Dog if the Regular Class Dog entry is twice the required number for a five-point major in the Division where the National Specialty is held.

The Great Dane Club of America, Inc. will award at its National Specialty a three-point major to Reserve Winners Bitch if the Regular Class Bitch entry is twice the required number for a five-point major in the Division where the National Specialty is held.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Monday, October 19th

GDCA Board Meeting * Agility * Welcome Party

Tuesday, October 20th

Futurity Day -Full Day * 1st Obedience and Rally Trials
DCM Seminar * General Meeting

Wednesday, October 21st

2nd Rally and Obedience Trial * Seminars
Health Testing * Top Twenty Dinner & Competition
Invitational Award Ceremony

Thursday, October 22nd

Day 1 Judging -Dogs * Health Testing * Auction Dinner

Friday October 23rd

Day 2 Judging -Bitches * 2nd GDCA Board Meeting * Parade of Legends
Judges Education * Charitable Trust Reception

Saturday, October 24th

Intersex Judging * Junior Showmanship * Ringside Mentoring
Closing Ceremony Banquet

Sunday, October 25th

Independent Specialty Show held by The Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee
Premium list information for this specialty is included in this publication.

The Great Dane Club of America and the GDCA South Division

proudly welcome exhibitors, breeders, owners, handlers, performance competitors, and Great Dane enthusiasts to the 2026 GDCA National Specialty.

With the warmth and hospitality, the South is known for, we look forward to sharing a memorable week celebrating the Legends, friendships, accomplishments, and enduring spirit of our remarkable breed.

Our goal is simple — to create a National Specialty experience exhibitors will be talking about for years to come.

And for those who still remember another unforgettable National from years past... we invite you to join us in continuing the story and helping make the 2026 GDCA National Specialty part of Great Dane history.

TRANSFER POLICY: The Club will permit a transfer to the next level class in accordance with AKC regulations. The request for a Transfer must be made in writing and presented to the Superintendent at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the specified event, show or trial. Transfer forms will be available at the Show Secretary's Table.



Division Website: <https://gdcanationalspecialty.org/>

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Regular Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs, and Stud Dogs, Junior Showmanship

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Regular Bitch Classes, Veteran Bitches and Brood Bitches

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Intersex, Brace & Team Class, Best Puppy &, Best Bred by Exhibitor

Aimee P. Kincaid (91226) 6550 Beth Rd, Orlando, FL 32824
Obedience & Rally Classes

Ms. Louann Currey (36186) 930 Rock Spring Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Obedience & Rally Classes

Agility (See separate Premium List)

Ben Gibbs (99205) 406 Poplar Grove Rd, Kingsport TN 37664

Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee

Karen Martin (59015) 413 Jungs Station Rd, Saint Charles, MO 63303

~Schedule of Judging~

October 20-25, 2026

There are 18 dogs entered in this Tuesday Obedience Trial with a total of 19 entries.

There are 29 dogs entered in this Tuesday Rally Trial with a total of 32 entries

There are 19 dogs entered in this Wednesday Obedience Trial with a total of 20 entries.

There are 31 dogs entered in this Wednesday Rally Trial with a total of 35 entries

There are 318 dogs entered in this National Specialty with a total of 346 entries

There are 174 dogs entered in this Regional Specialty with a total of 175 entries

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Ring 1

Ms Louann Currey (19)

Break at Judges Discretion

8:00am

- 1 Utility A Obedience (12)
- 2 Open A Obedience (14, 15)
- 6 Novice B Obedience (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

5 Minute Walk Through

- 6 Beginner Novice B Obedience (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25)
- 2 Beginner Novice A Obedience (17, 18)
- 2 Veteran Obedience (26, 27)

Ring 2

Aimee P Kincaid (60)

Break at Judges Discretion

10:00am

10 Minute Walk Through

- 6 Rally Choice (R47, R48, R49, R50, R51, R52)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Master (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R43, R44, R46)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Excellent B (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R43, R44, R45)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Advanced B (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R42, R43, R44)

- 1 Rally Advanced A (R34)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 6 Rally Intermediate (R26, R27, R28, R29, R31, R32)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 14 Rally Novice B (R7, R8, R10, R11, R12, R15, R16, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, R24)
- 3 Rally Novice A (R5, R6, R53)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Ring 1

Ms Louann Currey (63)

Break at Judges Discretion

8:00am

10 Minute Walk Through

- 5 Rally Choice (R47, R48, R50, R51, R52)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Master (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R43, R44, R46)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Excellent B (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R43, R44, R45)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 10 Rally Advanced B (R35, R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R42, R43, R44)

- 2 Rally Advanced A (R33, R34)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 6 Rally Intermediate (R26, R27, R28, R30, R31, R32)

10 Minute Walk Through

- 15 Rally Novice B (R7, R8, R11, R12, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R21, R22, R23, R24, R25)
- 5 Rally Novice A (R5, R6, R9, R10, R53)

Ring 2

Aimee P Kincaid (20)

Break at Judges Discretion

11:00am

- 1 Utility A Obedience (12)

- 2 Open A Obedience (14, 15)

- 5 Novice B Obedience (6, 7, 8, 10, 11)

5 Minute Walk Through

- 1 Novice A Obedience (5)

5 Minute Walk Through

- 7 Beginner Novice B Obedience (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25)

- 3 Beginner Novice A Obedience (16, 17, 18)

- 1 Brace Obedience (Brace 1: 28:29)

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Ring 1

Thomas J Davis (87)

Regular Dog Classes, Veteran Dogs, Stud Dogs

45 Minute Lunch Break at Judges Discretion 9:00am

- 3 Puppy (6-9 Months) Black Dogs
- 1 Puppy (6-9 Months) Blue Dogs
- 1 Puppy (6-9 Months) Brindle Dogs
- 6 Puppy (6-9 Months) Fawn Dogs
- 4 Puppy (6-9 Months) Harlequin Dogs
- 2 Puppy (6-9 Months) Mantle Dogs
- 1 Puppy (6-9 Months) Merle Dogs
- 1 Puppy (9-12 Months) Fawn Dogs
- 5 Puppy (9-12 Months) Harlequin Dogs
- 1 Puppy (9-12 Months) Merle Dogs
- 6 12-15 Months Dogs
- 10 15-18 Months Dogs
- 1 Amateur Owner Handler Dogs
- 6 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy) Dogs
- 3 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult) Dogs
- 3 American Bred Dogs
- 1 Open Black Dogs
- 1 Open Blue Dogs
- 1 Open Fawn Dogs
- 1 Open Merle Dogs
- Winners Dog**
- 8 Veteran (6-8 Years) Dogs
- 9 Veteran (8+ Years) Dogs
- 8 Stud Dog

Friday, October 23, 2026

Ring 1

Mrs. Jennifer Bell (118)

Regular Bitch Classes, Veteran Bitches, Brood Bitches

45 Minute Lunch Break at Judges Discretion 9:00am

- 2 Puppy (6-9 Months) Brindle Bitches
- 5 Puppy (6-9 Months) Fawn Bitches
- 3 Puppy (6-9 Months) Harlequin Bitches
- 1 Puppy (6-9 Months) Mantle Bitches
- 2 Puppy (6-9 Months) Merle Bitches
- 2 Puppy (9-12 Months) Black Bitches
- 4 Puppy (9-12 Months) Brindle Bitches
- 3 Puppy (9-12 Months) Fawn Bitches
- 2 Puppy (9-12 Months) Harlequin Bitches
- 2 Puppy (9-12 Months) Mantle Bitches
- 1 Puppy (9-12 Months) Merle Bitches
- 4 12-15 Months Bitches
- 6 15-18 Months Bitches
- 2 Amateur Owner Handler Bitches
- 14 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy) Bitches
- 13 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult) Bitches
- 6 American Bred Bitches
- 1 Open Black Bitches
- 4 Open Blue Bitches
- 4 Open Brindle Bitches
- 3 Open Fawn Bitches
- 5 Open Harlequin Bitches
- 2 Open Merle Bitches
- Winners Bitch**
- 13 Veteran (6-8 Years) Bitches
- 6 Veteran (8+ Years) Bitches
- 8 Brood Bitch

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Ring 1

Thomas J Davis (8)

Junior Showmanship

8:00am

- 1 Jr (Open Senior)
- 1 Jr (Open Intermediate)
- 3 Jr (Open Junior)
- 1 Jr (Novice Senior)
- 1 Jr (Novice Intermediate)
- 1 Jr (Novice Junior)

James S Remaklus (135)

Intersex, Brace, & Team Classes, Best Puppy & Best Bred By Exhibitor

45 Minute Lunch Break at Judges Discretion

8:30am

- 128 Best of Breed (77-51)

- 7 Brace

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Ring 1

Karen Martin (177)

45 Minute Lunch Break at Judges Discretion

8:00am

- 10 Puppy (6-9 Months) Dogs
- 2 Puppy (9-12 Months) Dogs
- 2 12-15 Months Dogs
- 3 15-18 Months Dogs
- 5 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy) Dogs
- 5 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult) Dogs
- 2 American Bred Dogs
- 1 Open Merle Dogs

Winners Dog

- 11 Puppy (6-9 Months) Bitches
- 6 Puppy (9-12 Months) Bitches
- 1 12-15 Months Bitches
- 4 15-18 Months Bitches
- 1 Amateur Owner Handler Bitches
- 9 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Puppy) Bitches
- 5 Bred-By-Exhibitor (Adult) Bitches
- 4 American Bred Bitches
- 1 Open Blue Bitches
- 2 Open Fawn Bitches
- 4 Open Harlequin Bitches
- 2 Open Merle Bitches

Winners Bitch

- 7 Veteran (6-8 Years) Dogs
- 4 Veteran (8+ Years) Dogs
- 6 Veteran (6-8 Years) Bitches
- 3 Veteran (8+ Years) Bitches
- 77 Best of Breed (46-31)

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HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Chairperson: Wanda Hepler • heplerdanes@gmail.com

For reservation updates, cancellations, or hotel waiting list inquiries, please contact Wanda directly.



Limit of 3 dogs per room • \$50 one-time nonrefundable pet fee

Room Rate: King / Queen \$149 +tax

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Tri-Cities Regional Airport (TRI) - 14 miles from the host hotel.

Knoxville Airport (TYS) – approximately 110 miles from the host hotel

HOST HOTEL LOCATION

MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center

(deadline to cancel reservations 9/15/26, without penalty)

1901 Meadowview Pkwy

Kingsport, TN 37660

For the most accurate travel directions, please use your preferred GPS or mapping application.

Driving Directions

Traveling East on I-40

Take Exit 421 for I-81 North toward Bristol. Continue approximately 56 miles, then take Exit 57B to merge onto I-26 West/US-23 North toward Kingsport. Continue approximately 5 miles and take Exit 3 for Meadowview Parkway.

Traveling West on I-40

Follow I-40 West to I-240 West toward Asheville, then continue onto I-26 West/US-23 North into Tennessee. Continue approximately 78 miles and take Exit 3 for Meadowview Parkway in Kingsport.

Traveling South on I-81

Follow I-81 South to I-26 West/US-23 North and take Exit 3 for Meadowview Parkway.

RV-specific arrival instructions will be included with RV parking confirmations.

RV PARKING

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Please contact Jon or Brian regarding RV parking availability or waiting list requests.

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Chairpersons: Ronnie Wilson • rawdane@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming our international guests to the 2026 GDCA National Specialty. Please contact Ronnie with any questions or assistance needs related to your visit.

SCOOTER RESERVATIONS

Chairperson: Wendy O'Donnell • dispatcherwendy@gmail.com

Rental fee is \$150 for the week.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION & RULES

CRATING & GROOMING POLICY

All crating, grooming setups, exercise pens, and exhibitor spaces are subject to the direction and approval of the Grounds Committee.

NO SOFT-SIDED CRATES WILL BE PERMITTED IN ANY CRATING AREA, GROOMING AREA, DAY CRATING AREA, RINGSIDE AREA, OR SHOW AREA DURING THE 2026 GDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY.

This policy applies to:

ringside crating, day crating, grooming areas, show ring areas, rally & obedience ring areas, and all other indoor exhibit areas

Soft-sided crates **may not** be used in hotel sleeping rooms and are **prohibited** by local hotel policy.

No crates, grooming tables, exercise pens, or exhibitor setups will be permitted in aisles, entrances, exits, or other restricted areas. All grooming must be done only in designated grooming areas.

All crating and exercise pen placement will be at the discretion of the Grounds Committee. The Club reserves the right to require adjustment, relocation, or removal of any setup deemed unsafe, obstructive, excessive, or not in compliance with National Specialty rules.

Dogs may not be left unattended in exercise pens or grooming areas.

All dogs present on the show grounds must be held on leash or confined in an approved crate or exercise pen except when being judged.

An owner-supplied floor covering must be used under all crates.

Dog owners and handlers are responsible for maintaining clean crating and grooming areas and for prompt cleanup after their dogs.

Crates are permitted only in designated areas.

Dogs must be crated when left alone in hotel rooms.

WE ALSO OFFER A SEPARATE, QUIET DAY CRATING AREA FOR EXHIBITORS DOGS.

Failure to comply with crating and grooming policies may result in removal of equipment and/or an Event Committee hearing.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded in the judging ring. All trophies and prizes must be claimed on the day of the show. None will be mailed. The Club reserves the right to substitute an unavailable prize with one of equal or greater value.

Exhibitors are advised to make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this premium list. Rule Books are available at the Superintendent's table at the show or may be obtained from the American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh NC 27606-3390.

The Great Dane Club of America, GDCA South Division, its superintendents or their employees will not be responsible for any damage to any dog exhibited whether the result of accident or other causes and in addition assumes no responsibility for any loss damage or injury sustained by an exhibitor or handler. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this show is in the care and custody of his owner or handler the entire time the dog is in the show buildings, on the show premises, or any hotel associated with the show.

Dog owners and/or handlers are responsible for any damage to hotel property caused by their dogs. This applies to the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center property and all other hotels used for this specialty. Hotel personnel may enter a room when it is not occupied. They will report the condition of the room to the Hotel Liaison. An Event Committee may be convened as a result of any damage to hotel rooms, grounds or premises by hotel guests, owners, exhibitors or their dogs. The Event Committee can recommend suspension of privileges of the American Kennel Club if person(s) are found guilty.

There is no provision offered for un-entered dogs at this show.

Do not leave dogs in closed vehicles.

Dogs shall not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures or otherwise left unattended in any public area.

All Dogs present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or in an open.

No flexi-leads are permitted in the exhibit hall.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal & external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

No gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside any building or within 100 feet of any tent in which this dog show is conducted.

The welfare of any child is the responsibility of its parent(s). It is expressly understood that parents will exercise control and restraint over their children throughout the event.

NO DOGS ALLOWED IN HOTEL LOBBY, DINING AREAS, POOL.

MOVE-UP / TRANSFER POLICY

The Club will permit move-ups and transfers in accordance with applicable AKC Rules and Regulations.

Requests must be made in writing and presented to the Superintendent at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the specified event, show, or trial.

Move-Up / Transfer forms will be available at the Superintendent's Table.

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AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC®) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.



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