

The Irish Great Dane Club

Serving our Breed since 1963

Annual Breed Championship Shows

Sunday 12th July 2026

The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge,
Co Kildare, W12 T925

Judge: Regina Bachmann (DE)
“Buccaneer’s”

Judging will start at 12:00 noon

6 Sets of Green Stars

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| 1) <i>Black /Mantle</i> | 4) <i>Fawn</i> |
| 2) <i>Harlequin</i> | 5) <i>Brindle</i> |
| 3) <i>Merle</i> | 6) <i>Blue</i> |

ENTRIES CLOSE 30TH JUNE 2026 (postmark)

Entries can be made on-line at
www.DogShowEntry.ie

UNTIL MIDNIGHT OF JULY 5TH, 2026

Ring Numbers will be available to download from
www.DogShowEntry.ie

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The Irish Great Dane Club 2026/27

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The Irish Great Dane Club

Dear Member/Exhibitor

I hope you are all well, we are delighted to be back at that The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co Kildare. We wish extend our sincere thanks for allowing us the use of their fabulous venue.

We have Green Stars for each of the 6 standard colours at our show. We have moved our show date to a week later, the day after Irish Ladies Kenneal Assoc All Breed Ch Show. **Two Shows in one Weekend!**

We invite you all to join us celebrating 63 years of service to our breed

☆ With the full inclusion of the Merle colour in the latest standard and the permission of the Irish Kennel Club, we will have Green Stars for each of the **6 colours:**

1) *Black /Mantle*

4) *Fawn*

2) *Harlequin*

5) *Brindle*

3) *Merle*

6) *Blue*

**Colours will be judged in the above order,
All Males, then All Females.**

☆ Special Prizes for all GREEN STAR Winners, BIS, RBIS and BPIS.

☆ We will have special Baby Puppy Class for puppies between the ages of 4 and 6 months.

☆ Colour trophies will be awarded to the respective winners from the standard (trophies are confined to members).

We will be hosting an after show dinner in the Hotel. Places must be booked with the entries.

As you know in this day and age the running costs of the show escalate from year to year. We try to run our show on a break even basis. We can only do this with the generosity and help of you, our Members and Exhibitors.

So once again, we are asking you please to dig deep into your pockets and give us a donation towards show expenses.

Thank you all and I hope you all have an enjoyable day out.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Doyle
Hon. Secretary

AFTER SHOWs DINNER

**We are again having our after show
dinner in The Keadeen Hotel.**

**Starter, Main Course,
Desert, Tea & Coffee
€45 each**

Places must be prepaid and booked with the Secretary

Membership Fees.

2026 fees are due since January 1st 2026.

(Fees can be paid with your entries.)

Rates:	Single	€20
	Couple	€30
	Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)	€30
	Life	€150 each

**Our Judge:
Mrs Regina
Bachmann
“Buccaneer’s
Deutche Dogge”**



The committee is delighted to welcome Regina Bachmann back to Ireland to judge our 2026 annual championship show. Regina judges the Harlequins at our EuDDC 2019 show.

Regina Bachmann is internationally respected as a specialist judge for the Deutsche Dogge (Great Dane) and is recognised through both the German VDH and the European Great Dane federation, the EuDDC. She is also President of the Deutscher Doggen Club (DDC), the parent club for Great Danes in Germany, a position reflecting her long-standing dedication and contribution to the breed.

Together with her well-known Buccaneers kennel affix, Regina has earned a strong reputation for her commitment to correct breed type, sound construction, movement, and temperament in accordance with the FCI standard. Her knowledgeable, balanced, and breed-specific approach to judging has made her a highly respected figure within the European Great Dane community and beyond.

We are honoured that Regina has accepted our invitation to judge today and we extend to her our sincere thanks and warmest welcome. We wish her an enjoyable visit and exhibitors every success under her adjudication.

IGDC /EuDDC Standardised Assessment for Breeding

Sunday 12th 2026

In conjunction with our Breed Championship Shows

We will continue to give you the opportunity to all responsible breeders to have your Great Danes assessed for breeding using the EuDDC approved assessment format. Only Danes which have passed their assessment will be eligible to go on the EuDDC breeding (stud) register.

Dogs and Bitches who succeed in the assessment and have also undergone the requisite health tests will be eligible to go on both the IGDC and DDC breeding/conformation registers.

You must book your place in the assessment using the show entry form, dogs in the assessment do not necessarily have to be entered in the championship show. Fee for assessment is €45 per dog.

Dogs must be at least 15 months old on the day of the assessment and should preferably have had their health checks done. At present the health check for Hip Dysplasia are compulsory, Elbows are optional , Dogs should have valid DCM certificate at time of mating.

Please bring copies of your dogs Registration Certificate and All Health Check Certificates to the assessment.

Dogs may be provisionally assessed subject to Health Checks being completed in the near future. Dogs cannot pass the assessment until copies of their Health Certificates have been provided.

Please note before being assessed by the judges, each dog will undergo an initial health check by our vet. This will include a scan for the microchip identification. **Dog(s) must be identifiable by Microchip.**

Breeding assessments are available only if booked in advance. Please contact the Show Secretary Joanne Doyle if you are interested in having one or more of your dogs assessed.

These will take place in a ring parallel to the club show.

Assessments will be scheduled to avoid clashes with Show Competition.

BREED CLASSIFICATION

STANDARD CLASSES

Class 1 Puppy Dog	Class 7 Puppy Bitch
Class 2 Junior Dog	Class 8 Junior Bitch
Class 3 Intermediate Dog	Class 9 Intermediate Bitch
Class 4 Open Dog	Class 10 Open Bitch
Class 5 Champion Dog	Class 11 Champion Bitch
Class 6 Veteran Dog	Class 12 Veteran Bitch

SPECIAL BABY PUPPY CLASSES

Class 13 Baby Puppy Dog (All Colours)

Class 14 Baby Puppy Bitch (All Colours)

The winners of these classes will then compete for Best Baby Puppy In Show.

NB: Baby Puppies Cannot Compete in any other class on the day.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Class 15 Special **RESCUE** or Non-REGISTERED Danes

Class 16 Special Beginners Dog or Bitch*

- ◆ NOTE: Entrants in Classe 16 must also be entered in a Standard Class (1 to 12).
- ◆ **Rescued or Non Registered Great Danes may entered Class 15 ONLY**

PROVISIONAL ORDER OF JUDGING

- ◆ **Males**
 - ◆ **1. Black (Inc Mantle), 2. Harlequin, 3. Merle**
 - ◆ **4.Fawn, 5. Brindle, 6. Blue**
- ◆ **Special Baby Puppy (Class 13 & 14)**
- ◆ **LUNCH**
 - ◆ **Special Rescue or Non Registered**
- ◆ **Females**
 - ◆ **1. Black (Inc Mantle), 2. Harlequin, 3. Merle**
 - ◆ **4.Fawn, 5. Brindle, 6. Blue**
- ◆ **Best in Show**
- ◆ **Best Puppy In Show**
- ◆ **Trophy Run-Offs**

Challenge Trophies

All Perpetual Cups and Trophies are confined to fully paid up members.

It is the Policy of the Club that, Engraving of ALL Challenge Cups and Trophies will be undertaken by the Club.

For each trophy that a member accepts, the member must agree to contribute €15 per trophy towards the cost of the engraving

SPECIAL PRIZES for

All Green Star Winners,

**Best In Show, Res. Best In Show,
Best Puppy In Show & Best Veteran In Show**

**All dogs over 6 months must be entered
one and only one of the STANDARD
CLASSES 1– 12 one (only one)**

Class Definitions

CLASS DEFINITIONS

(The word "dog" denotes both sexes)

A BABY PUPPY CLASS is confined to dogs of four months and under six months of age on the day of the show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth. Baby puppies cannot compete in any other class

A PUPPY CLASS is confined to dogs of six months and under twelve months of age on the day of the show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth

A JUNIOR CLASS is for dogs between nine months and eighteen calendar months of age on the day of the show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth

AN INTERMEDIATE CLASS is for dogs between 15 and 24 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth.

AN OPEN CLASS is for dogs over 15 months of age on the first day of the Show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth.

A CHAMPIONS CLASS is for dogs who have gained the Title of Champion under Irish Kennel Club Rules or under a recognised Kennel Authority **confirmed by the date of closing of entries.**

A VETERAN CLASS is for dogs over eight years of age on the first day of the Show, computed from and inclusive of the date of its birth.)

A SPECIAL BEGINNERS CLASS. Neither owner, exhibit, nor handler to have won a first prize in the Breed at any Show

A PROGENY CLASS to be judged on the merits of progeny a sire or dam with minimum three and maximum five of his progeny (first generation, sons/daughters). Progeny must be present at, and entered in, at least one class at this Show.

A BREEDERS CLASS consisting of minimum three and maximum five exhibits of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property, each exhibit having been entered in one of the standards classes on the day.

A BRACE CLASS is for two exhibits of the same or different sexes of the same breed belonging to the same person, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team

A TEAM CLASS is for three, or more, exhibits of the same or different sexes of the same breed belonging to the same person,

SPECIAL CLASSES: Dogs entered in Special or Restricted Classes must also be entered in one of the standard classes for the Breed

NOTE: *Dogs under the age of 4 months are not eligible to compete at this Show. All dogs must be registered or transferred at The Irish Kennel Club in the name of the Exhibitor
The Irish Kennel Club will impose a fine of €100 for those failing to comply with this regulation.*

Show Regulations

1. **JURISDICTION:** The Show will be held under the Licence and Rules of The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. as in force at closing date of entries.
2. **JUDGING:** Judging will commence at **12:00 noon**
3. **JUDGE:** In the event of our appointed Judge failing to keep his/her engagement, the committee shall have the right to appoint another Judge.
4. **REGISTRATION:** All dogs, entered, for competition or otherwise, must be registered or transferred at The Irish Kennel Club Ltd., Greenmount Park, Dublin 6W.
5. **INTERPRETATION:** The Committee of The Irish Great Dane Club shall be the "Show Committee" within the meaning of The Irish Kennel Club Ltd. Rules and all disputes, (if any) shall be dealt with by the Committee. Parties to any dispute shall have the right to appeal to The Irish Kennel Club Ltd.
6. During the exhibition of dogs, the Judge Officiating will **not** allow, under any circumstances, any form of distraction by ringsiders and will disqualify any exhibit which is being assisted in its performance by any person other than the handler.
7. **Entries Close 30th June 2026 (postmark), Entries can be made on-line at www.DogShowEntry.ie until midnight of July 5th, 2026**
If you have any queries regarding the shows, please contact Joanne Doyle
Phone: 087 6314411 (7pm –9pm please)
Email: Secretary@IGDC.ie
Entry Fees Per Show: €25 for First Dog, €10 for each additional dog or Baby Puppy, €5 for each Additional Class.
Trophy Engraving (2025 Winners, €15 per trophy),
Breeding Assessment €45.00 per dog.
8. **Ring Numbers** will be available to download from www.DogShowEntry.ie
9. Guarantors to Irish Kennel Club Ltd
10. **Fouling:** Exhibitors are subject to a fine of €25.00 if they fail to clean up fouling by their dogs within the precinct of the Show. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
11. **Trophies** are only awarded to fully paid up members of the club.
12. **Overseas members** Only members of five or more years are entitled to bring trophies out of the country

**Please do not leave your Danes unattended in parked cars
without sufficient ventilation**

CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Confined to members of the Irish Great Dane Club:

THE IRISH GREAT DANE CLUB YANDAMAR PERPETUAL - presented by John & Mary Walsh for Best in Show (Owing to the value of the BIS Trophy, it will not be allowed out. It will be available for photo shoots.)

THE IRISH GREAT DANE CLUB PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Miss H.M. Goodband, for Res. *Best In Show*

THE CARL PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by the late Mrs D. O'Reilly for Best opposite Sex to Best in Show.

THE "GUCCI" PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by the Mrs. K. Fitzgerald Best Baby Puppy.

THE XANDERO PERPETUAL TROPHY - presented by Mr A. & Mrs R. Curran for Best Puppy.

THE BRUCE PERPETUAL TROPHY - for Best Junior.

THE IRISH GREAT DANE CLUB PERPETUAL - Presented by Miss H. Goodband for Best Intermediate Dog/Bitch.

THE IRISH GREAT DANE CLUB PERPETUAL - Presented by Mrs. L. Connolly for Champion Dog.

THE CLONALLAN PERPETUAL - Presented by Mr. P & Mrs. M. Magee for Champion Bitch.

THE CATHERINE STOREY PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by the late Mr J.F. Storey - for Best Veteran.

THE CHARLES PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by J & M. Porter, for Best Opposite Sex - Veteran.

THE BALLYFRAWLEY SEBATIANS BOY TROPHY - Presented by Mrs R. Dooley, for Best Open Dog or Bitch.

THE SULTAN PERPETUAL SHIELD - **Presented by Liam & Nuala O'Brien, for Best Black Dog.**

THE MERCEDEZ PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mr J. Little, for Best Black Bitch.

THE KILCRONEY PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mrs G. L'E. West, for Best Black.

THE ROMULUS PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Dr M. T. Devlin for Best Blue Dog.

THE YANDMAR PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by John R. & Mary Walsh, for Best Blue Bitch.

THE KILCRONEY PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mrs G. L'E West, for Best Blue.

THE KLAUDIUS PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mrs Marie Renehan, for Best Brindle Dog.

THE FLIGHTY ALICE PERPETUAL TROPHY - **Presented by N & M O'Sullivan of for Best Brindle Bitch.**

THE FREYA PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by the late Mr J. F. & Miss C. Storey - for Best Brindle.

THE ELSA PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mrs. F. Byrne for Best Open Fawn Bitch.

THE XANDERO PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by Mr A. & Mrs R. Curran - for Best Fawn Dog.

THE BIDMAR PERPETUAL - Presented by Miss M.U. Nolan for Best Fawn Dog/Bitch.

THE ONABONN PERPETUAL - Presented by Mrs. C. Kelly, for Best Harlequin Dog.

THE CALCHAS PERPETUAL - Presented by Ms. P. Henshall, for Best Harlequin Bitch.

THE YANDAMAR PERPETUAL TROPHY - Presented by John R. & Mary Walsh, for Best Harlequin.

THE FLIGHTY PERPETUAL - **Presented by Miss M. O'Sullivan for Best Mantle Dog/Bitch.**

THE CEES V D LANDSHOORN MEMORIAL TROPHY – **"a tribute to a *Great Dane*", presented by his appreciative fans, to be awarded to Best Stud Dog.**

THE BIDMAR HYPERIA TROPHY - Presented by Mrs P. J. & Miss M. Nolan for Best Brood Bitch.

THE BIDMAR POINTS TROPHY - Presented by Mrs B. & Miss M. Nolan for the Dane gaining most points at Championship Shows during the year. Points awarded as follows 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point. Placings in Champions Class do not apply.

SASHES: For Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show

ROSETTES: For Green Stars and Reserve Green Stars, Also 1st to 4th in all Classes

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