

Who is MAGDRL?

Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL), Inc., was organized in 1979 to serve the Mid- Atlantic region. The organization is a D. C. Corporation and has a charitable tax exemption under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

MAGDRL is staffed completely by volunteers. Like all humane groups, MAGDRL is in the unique position of helping **both** humans and pets. In our case, the pets are Great Danes and mixed Dane dogs, and the people are all those who have or want the companionship of this breed or, often, just dogs in general.

Where do the dogs come from?

We get many of our dogs directly from their owners for various reasons such as:

- Dane got too big
- Owners don't have the time
- Owners are moving and can't take the dog
- Owners are having a baby
- Owners are divorcing and neither can take the dog

We also get many dogs from shelters where their owners have turned them in or they have been picked up as strays.

What are the adoption requirements?

- Phone Interview
- Application
- House Check
- Vet References
- Fenced yard
- House dog
- Contract

Why is a fence required?

MAGDRL requires a fenced area for safety of our danes. Unless you are unable to fence due to legal restrictions, we require that at least a portion of your yard be fenced. The fence need not be expensive: you can use wooden posts and coated wire fencing, or even deer fencing tacked to trees. The objective is to provide an area safe from other animals (stray dogs, local wildlife) where the dane can still be contained. This policy is in effect whether you live in city, suburb or country.

Why not an electronic fence?

In most cases, electronic fencing is not an option. It can pose health risks to the dog, does not keep other animals or people out of your yard, and does not encourage a dog to return home if he should ever cross the boundaries. Also, there have been reports of danes who are so tall that the signal doesn't work and the fence is rendered useless. Regardless of whether you decide to adopt from us, please reconsider the use of electronic fencing.



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What if I have another dog?

We do not place same sex dogs together even though all our dogs are spayed/neutered before they are placed. We do this to assure an easier transition into their new home without same-sex aggression.

How do I know I'll get a dog that fits my lifestyle?

We try to match the proper dog with the proper home. For instance, we will only send someone with cats to look at dogs that we know are okay with cats. In addition, we try to screen available dogs so that we can tell adopters whether the dane is comfortable with children, cats, other dogs, small animals. We also use the interview with you to find out what type of dog you need.

What about medical problems/ general health?

All of our dogs are completely vetted. They are given all shots, tested for heartworm and treated for any health problems. We inform potential owners of any health problems of which we are aware.



Can I get a puppy?

We occasionally have puppies available for adoption. More often, we get puppies who are 10 months or older. It is possible to train an older dog. Also, most older dogs are housebroken.

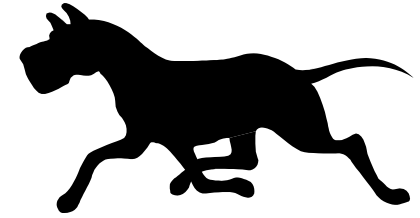
How long does it take to respond?

We are volunteers. Sometimes events prevent us from responding as quickly as we'd like. Please be patient. We will get back to you!

The adoption process through our rescue takes at least a month or more. We are committed to finding forever homes for the danes we rescue. The process ultimately works in your favor because we try our best to match you with the dog of your dreams. Sometimes it may take a while to find the dane for you. Be patient—a dog is not a quick decision. We work hard to make the process thorough.

Where do you keep the dogs before adoption?

We are a non-profit charitable organization and everyone who works with us is a volunteer. We do not have a kennel but instead we use a foster system or pay to kennel dogs when necessary.



I'm interested. Where do I start?

If you have an internet connection, it's easiest to start on the web. Go to our website at:

www.magdrl.org

and look through the available dogs. If you don't see a Dane you're interested in, don't despair. Sadly, Danes come in and out of rescue every day.

Call the coordinator for your area or talk to the volunteers who gave you this handout. They'll talk to you about Danes, give you some insights into their personalities and traits, and help you through the process.

Start the process just as soon as you can so that when the right Dane comes into rescue, you're on your way to rescuing him or her.