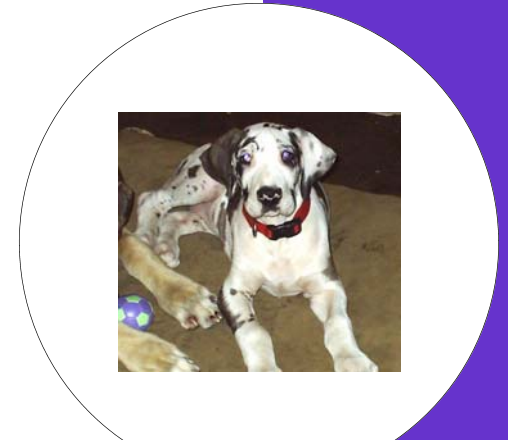




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Puppy Development and Growth

"Once You Go Dane, Your Life Is Never The Same"

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If You Ever Have Any Questions, Please Don't Hesitate To Ask.

1. Neonatal: (Birth to Two Weeks)

Puppies are blind and deaf, and they sleep most of the time. For the first few days of their lives, neonatal puppies stick close to their mother. They depend on her to feed them, to keep them clean and warm, and to help them eliminate.

2. Transitional: (Two to Four Weeks)

Puppies go through a change—they're becoming less dependent on their mother. Their eyes and ears open and they have some response to sound. Vision is poor but they can see. They will have individual personalities. It's important to expose transitional puppies to different textures and sounds.

3. Socialization: (Five to Twelve Weeks)

This is the most important period in a puppy's life. If a puppy isn't socialized at this age, it won't grow into a friendly adult. Contact with people during this stage is critical. Introduce your puppies to people other than yourself and your family. Puppies in this stage are sensitive and vulnerable to psychological trauma. Toward the end of this period, puppies will prefer to be with each other rather than with their

mother. Puppy bonding is very important and is one of the reasons why you should never take a pup away from its mother and littermates before it's at least seven weeks old.

4. Juvenile Period: (Twelve Weeks through Puberty)

Very active and are capable of learning a great deal. Puppies should begin to learn commands. Some might still be sensitive. Harsh punishment at this age can damage a puppy for life. Moving objects entrances them, and they love to explore and investigate. Juvenile period ends with the onset of puberty.

5. Adult Period: (Puberty and Up)

Still need lots of human contact and socialization. Keeping a dog in a run or kennel or tied to a chain for long periods of time is cruel—a jail sentence without a crime. In order for a dog to become a loving, faithful member of the family, it must be well-trained, loved, and treated with respect.

NOTE: Great Danes will grow until they are 3 years old. Normally they will grow height and length wise for the first 2 years and then growth width wise up to the age of 3yrs old.

Let your pup grow slowly and evenly. Be patient. He/she will become the Majestic Giant in time.

Life Expectancy	
Dog's Age in Years	Comparative Human Age in Years
115
224
328
432
536
640
744
848
952
1056
1160
1264
1368
1472
1576
1680
1784
1888
1992
2096
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