

Sunday Sweeps Judge: Shayne Anderson

In 2001 my dad called me and wanted to have a father-daughter day. He wanted to take me to a dog show. Neither of us had ever been to a dog show before and I thought it sounded like fun. While my dad was unimpressed with the show, I was instantly intrigued. I knew that it was something I wanted to learn more about.

I purchased my first "show" dane a few months later.



Unfortunately, I didn't know any better and he was backyard bred. But I loved him and saved my money for a real show dane. In 2003 I purchased a harlequin bitch from a well known successful breeder. Although she wasn't able to obtain her championship, she opened many doors for me.

I started to learn how to handle and met many new friends who turned out to be my first mentors in the breed. Over the years since purchasing my first puppy, I'm amazed by how much I have learned. My handling skills have improved and my eye for conformation has developed. I have handled a number of my own dogs to their championships and have handled for others as well. I have also bred and co-bred numerous champions over the last few years. One of my dogs earned a Rally title and I am even starting Barn Hunt with a couple of my current Danes! I feel like my journey in Great Danes is still only just beginning.

Thank you to the Great Dane Club of Northern California for the opportunity to judge your Sweepstakes. I'm looking forward to seeing the beautiful puppies!