

Sweepstakes Judge: Everett Van Dyken

I purchased my first Great Dane in 1974 but it wasn't until 1990 that I started gaining an interest in showing Great Danes. It was at that point that I joined the Great Dane Club of Northern California, later serving as an officer of the club. In addition to having served on various specialty show committees, I was the club's Show Chair for many years.



I finished my first Great Dane (CH Valinor's Shaquille O) in 1995. I have either bred or co-owned over 40 champions including an English Springer Spaniel. As a member of the Great Dane Club of America, I am proud that my Great Danes have garnered several national awards. CH Warwick's Valinor Flair, ROM was the Top Brood Bitch in 2002, CH Cheshire's All That N' Thensome OA, AXJ, HOF was the Top Great Dane - Open Jumpers Agility in 2002, and multiple BISS GCH Valinor-Cheshire's For the Ride, HOF, ROM won an Award of Merit at Eukanuba.

My past judging experiences have included two sweepstakes assignments with English Springer Spaniels, judging the Canadian National sweeps and judging sweeps for the Great Dane Club of Western Washington.

As I am now retired and without any Great Danes in my house, I expect this will be my last foray into the judging world. It is an honor to finish with my original club and I am truly appreciative that I was asked to judge sweeps at GDCNC's Specialty Show.