

Sweepstakes Judge: Leslie Hotchkiss

Great Danes have been an integral part of my life for the past 25 years since buying my first Dane, a mismarked harle, out of Hugo Gamboa's breeding. Since that time, I have been fortunate to have owned and/or bred multiple All Breed Best in Show, Specialty Best in Show and Top 20 ranked dogs. Whatever successes I may have had, all have been accomplished in a home setting where all my dogs have always lived as members of my family and, most importantly, as beloved companions.

I am a past President of the Great Dane Club of the Mid-South and a Founding Member of the newly formed Great Dane Club of Middle Tennessee. I am also a member of the Nashville Kennel Club and a Board Member of the Tullahoma Kennel Club. While my primary focus is conformation, my dogs also have participated in Rally, Obedience, FastCAT, Coursing, Farm Dog and Dock Diving.

Together with Earl Shore, I breed under the "Elle" kennel prefix. We have a small, closed breeding program and only breed a litter every year or two when we want something to move forward with in the show ring and/or whelping box.

Thank you for inviting me to judge the GDCNC Sweepstakes! I look forward to judging some beautiful puppies, seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

