

# Sunday Morning Judge: Laura Munro



*My family got our first Great Dane in 1963. Rody” was the beginning of my life with Great Danes. He was a black sired by CH Kalmar Bolshoi’s Rowden. We did not show that dog, but eventually got a female and had our first litter of blacks and blues. Over the years, Rody sired a couple more litters and lived to a ripe old age.*

*In 1988, I got my first harlequin bred Dane. She given to me by a friend who was unable to keep her and knew I’d had Danes in the past. Isadora, was sired by CH BMW Patton out of Chauffeured Cheyenne of Hallmark. I still was not showing dogs, but I did do competitive obedience with her. I eventually got her litter sister, Molly, and did obedience with her as well. I started to meet*

*some of the local conformation Dane people while competing in obedience at matches. One day, while waiting for the long sits and downs at an AKC obedience trial, I wandered over to the conformation ring and watched the Danes. I thought that might be fun and began my search for a dog to show in conformation.*

*I eventually got a fawn dog and at his first show, my first time showing a dog, we were awarded first place in a large class of puppies, Winners Dog and Best of Winners and then went on to get Best of Opposite in the breed class. Well don’t you know, I was hooked and never looked back after that. Since 1991, I’ve shown and finished many of my own dogs and occasionally handled for friends and acquaintances. I breed very sparingly, one or two litters every five years or so, only to get dogs to continue building the Dane Affaire bloodline.*

*In 2009, I judged a match for our local Great Dane club and discovered that I enjoy judging dogs as much as I enjoy showing dogs. I wasn’t thinking about applying to judge Great Danes seriously at that point, but completed several sweepstakes assignments. Then in 2016, I decided to submit my AKC application to judge Great Danes, completed the requirements, applied and was approved.*

*I’ve been a member of the Great Dane club of America since 1995. I’m also a member of the Great Dane Club of Northern California and the Monterey Bay Great Dane club. I currently share my home with two brindles, GCH Cayenne and her son, Chile.*