

# Saturday Afternoon Judge: Jane Treiber

*My husband and I acquired our first Dane in 1972. He was a Harlequin, and was sold to us as “show quality.” Well, you can probably guess the punch line. He was not show quality, but he was a wonderful companion and went everywhere with us: camping, sledding, hiking, swimming, etc.*

*Meanwhile we went to some matches, dog shows, and handling classes. We also read and studied the standard and every book we could find about Danes and handling. There were not too many dog publications at that time, but we found the dog we wanted to be behind our foundation in New Hampshire. His name was CH Dinro’s Simon Templar, bred by Rose Roberts. Off we went in the motorhome from California to New Hampshire. Long story short — we got a German import male and a dog and bitch sired by Simon, who was the top Harlequin in the country. We also bought a Basset bitch from Simon’s owner, who remained my best friend and mentor for over forty years.*

*We bred Bassets and Great Danes for the next 20 years under the name “KIMO” which is a Mojave Indian word for Big Dog. We were very blessed to have the foundation stock that we had and the mentoring of my best friend. We have produced many generations of Champions, Specialty winners, group placing and group winning dogs in both breeds.*

*I applied to judge Bassets first as I was specializing a Great Dane. When his career was finished, I applied for Danes. I am now approved to judge the Working group, the Hound group, Juniors, some sporting breeds and BIS. I enjoy judging, and I try to make every exhibitor comfortable in my ring and feeling that their exhibit was judged fairly. I have judged Specialties for many breeds all over the country and in Canada. I have judged the Canadian National, and several years ago, I judged the Dane Specialty in New Zealand. I also judged a Dane, Basset, and Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty in Australia. I was on the Board of the Great Dane Club of America for six years, and I am a member of the Judges’ Education Committee for the Parent Club. I am a retired teacher, and I bred and showed Bullmastiffs for 20 years. I am currently showing a Scottish Deerhound, and I always have my beloved Boarder Terrier, RASCAL, with me.*

