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Saturday Sweepstakes Judge

When I was 8 years old, I met my first Great Dane. My Mother's friend had bought a brindle male his name was Boomer, she had brought him by the house one day and I instantly fell in love. I begged my parents for one, living on a farm, my father informed me that a dog that



size wasn't practical. He said when you grow up and have a place of your own you can have one. I think my father thought it was just a passing phase; he was so wrong!

Twenty-five years ago, I purchased my first Great Dane. She was a black girl named Isabella; I purchased her as a pet. Her breeder convinced me to show her. I was skeptical about showing. It only took two or three shows to hook me.

I have been blessed to have bred, co-bred or co-owned over 20 champions and have shown or co-owned 3 in the Top Twenty. I breed under the kennel name of Castle Creek. I feel so very fortunate to have met so many wonderful people via this breed that I love so very dearly.

I want to thank the Great Dane Club of Northern California for inviting me to judge their sweepstakes. It is always such a huge honor to be asked to step into the ring and evaluate the breed that means so very much to me.

Good luck to all!