

We have specific criteria that must be met before anyone can foster or adopt a Great Dane.

We stipulate that no Great Dane can be left at home alone or with other animals for more than 4 hours.

We ascertain whether the foster carer/adopter works, and if so, who is at home with the dog and what arrangements are made in the event of the dog being left. Also what arrangements have been made for holiday cover?

Do they own their own home or is it rented, if it is rented we need a letter from the Landlord or local council that states they have permission to have pets.

Is their garden suitably enclosed, where will the Great Dane be exercised?

How many children do they have? How old are the children?

Does everyone in the household agree to have a Foster/adopted Dane and who will be primarily responsible for the Great Dane?

What other pet animals do they have? What experience do they have of Great Danes or other animals? Who is their vet & are they experienced with Great Danes?

Are they aware of the financial implications of Fostering or giving a permanent home? We explain about food costs, vets costs (which we cover for foster homes), insurance (for adoption homes), health care, grooming, exercise.

Where will the Great Dane live in the house? Where is the Great Danes own designated space?

Why do they want to foster or give a furever home to a Great Dane?

Do they have a specific sex or age in mind of the Great Dane?

We also explain that the Great Dane will be nervous or over excited. Along with explaining that care & understanding is needed to allow the Great Dane to settle in.

We have a policy of neutering or spaying entire Danes within 6 months of ownership; no breeding is permitted.

On receiving an initial enquiry for fostering or adoption, we may ask for photos or a short video of the house and garden. In this way we can eliminate those situations which would be unsuitable for a Great Dane (for example, one lady who was very keen ensured us she had a large flat with a garden area. The photos she sent showed an unkempt cramped living area and the flat was on the

third floor. The photos enabled us to discuss our concerns with the lady who confirmed our reservations.)