

## COLOR, MARKINGS, AND PATTERNS

### FAWN

- Yellow gold with black mask. Black on eye rims and eyebrows, and may appear on the ears and tail tip
- Deep gold color preferred
- White markings on chest and toes, and black fronted fawns not desirable



### BRINDLE

- Base color yellow gold, always brindled with strong black cross stripes in a chevron pattern
- Black mask is preferred. Black on eye rims and eyebrows, and may appear on the ears and tail tip
- Intense base color, distinct and even brindling is preferred. Too much or too little brindling equally undesirable
- White markings on chest and toes, and black fronted, dirty-colored brindles not desirable



### BLACK

- The color shall be glossy black
- White markings at chest and toes are not desirable



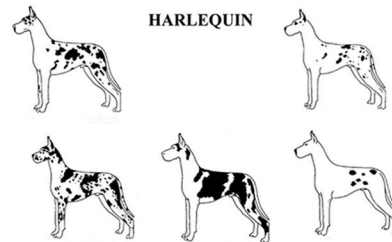
### BLUE

- The color shall be pure steel-blue
- White markings at chest and toes are not desirable



## HARLEQUIN

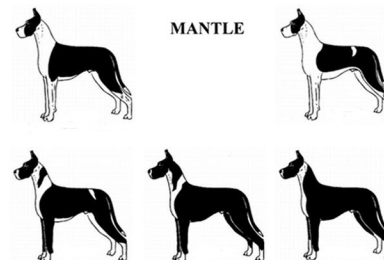
Base color shall be pure white with black torn patches irregularly and well distributed over the entire body; a pure white neck is preferred. Merle patches are normal. No patch should be so large that it appears to be a blanket. Black hairs showing through the white base coat (salt and pepper or dirty appearance) eligible but less desirable.



Acceptable range of variation as defined in the standard

## MANTLE

The color shall be black and white with a solid black blanket extending over the body; black skull with white muzzle; white blaze optional; whole white collar is preferred; white chest; white on part or whole of fore legs and hind legs; white tipped black tail. A small white marking in the blanket is acceptable, as is a break in the white collar.

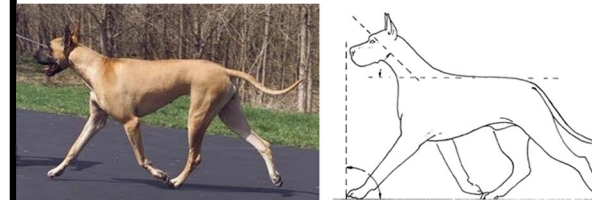


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Any variance in color or markings as described in the AKC Standard shall be faulted to the extent of the deviation. Any Great Dane that does not fall within the color classifications of the AKC Standard must be disqualified. Faults of color with the exception of serious violations should **NOT** be considered as important as faults in structure and type. **The overall quality of the dog is the most important, not what he or she is wrapped in.**

## GAIT



Gait denotes strength and power with long, easy strides resulting in no tossing, rolling, or bouncing of the topline or body. Backline appears level and parallel to the ground. The long reach should strike the ground below the nose while the head is carried forward. Powerful rear drive should balance the reach. As speed increases, there is a natural tendency for the legs to converge toward the centerline of balance beneath the body. No twisting in or out at the elbow or hock joints.

## DISQUALIFICATIONS: THERE ARE ONLY FOUR

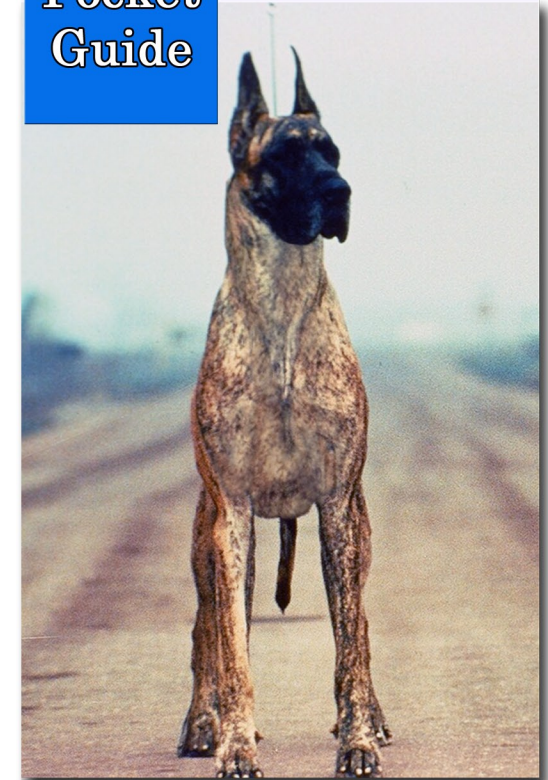
1. Danes under minimum height. (Male – 30”, Female – 28”)
2. Split nose
3. Docked tail
4. Any Great Dane which does not fall within the described color classifications must be disqualified



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