

A few things to consider!

- Before you put your fencing up, give careful consideration to where your Dane is going to spend the majority of his outside time. Remember that Danes can be murdered on landscaping. Their attempts at pruning, transplanting and weeding will not be appreciated by even the casual gardener!
- Danes can be avid diggers, tree chewers, and make the most lovely lawn into a quagmire during the wet months! Avoid problems in advance by choosing a spot that will be for your Dane and any damage he does will not cause him to be banished.
- Your Dane should always be kept in a secure fenced yard unless on leash or under your direct supervision. Danes should NEVER be allowed to free roam for a number of reasons that should be quite obvious.

Got the Fence? Got the Dog? Safety is Still Important

- Use a gate with a secure lock.
- Be sure to periodically check for anything dangerous in your yard that may have been tossed over your fence.
- Keep your dog inside when you are not home!
- Please don't believe the myth that dogs need to roam. A well exercised, tired dog is a happy dog!

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Your Dane's Safety

Why we require fencing

The Mid Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) requires that adopters have a fenced yard for good reason. A dog playing in a fenced yard is happy- and safe.

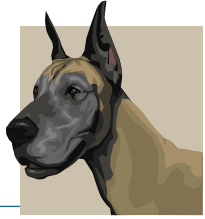


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A fence? What?

Fencing Guidelines

MAGDRL's Fencing Notes



Please don't panic. If you have lots of acreage you don't have to fence every square foot. A reasonable amount of space that gives the dog playing room can be fine

If you live in a residential area, you might want to consider solid board fencing so passing children are not tempted to tease the dog. Some choose to install a doggie door so that the yard is accessible to your dog when you are not at home which will prevent possible escape and tragedy.

To adopt a Dane from MAGDRL, you must fence your yard with conventional, not underground fencing. In our view the drawbacks of underground fencing as primary yard confinement include these issues.

- ANYONE— even a child— can enter the yard, posing potential danger to your Dane or to the person entering.
- Any animal, like an aggressive dog, would have easy access to your Dane.
- Dogs will sometimes “break through” the painful shock the fence administers to chase cars, wildlife, cats or any number of things.

Fencing Guidelines:

- Must be standard height for your community
- Must be solid material, e.g., wood, chain link, plastic perma-fence, wrought iron.
- Must be permanently affixed or cemented
- The style is based upon adopter preference, however if the fence openings are big enough for a Great Dane to get through, mesh or other permanent barrier is required.
- The entire property does not have to be fenced. The fence may:
 - surround the entire property or
 - surround the entire back yard or attach to a rear entry of the home area.

No standalone fencing or runs are acceptable.



- We feel very strongly that dogs allowed to wander unsupervised are dogs at risk of running away, getting lost, stolen, injured, attacked (by another dog, animal or person), poisoned or struck by a car.
- In particular, all rescue dogs need to be fenced because they have not had the benefit of having bonding with their new owners since puppyhood.
- Therefore except in the case of those who qualify for fencing exceptions, it is MAGDRL's policy to place dogs only in homes that provide a secure, fenced area for the dog to get fresh air and exercise.
- The fenced enclosure is not intended as a place for the dog to live but only to provide secure outdoor space for relief and exercise.
- A satisfactory fenced area may be built of stockade, chain link, wrought iron, heavy wooden posts with heavy gauge wire, or metal posts with wire.
- The fence enclosure should be four feet high minimum and include a lockable gate. Equal attention should be given to the security of the gate to ensure that it cannot easily be opened by outsiders.
- The location of the fenced area should be so that it is directly accessible from the house to ensure an increased measure of safety for your dog and be convenient for you.
- The fenced area must be large enough to provide the dog with a comfortable space in which to be played with, get exercise and fresh air, and eliminate.