

# **Transport Guidelines**

## **General Guidelines**

- When GDRST receives a call from a shelter, or from an owner surrender someone must be able to drive and pick up these dogs.
- Some items that are mandatory when picking up a Great Dane:
  - Prong collar
  - Heavy duty leash
  - Towels/ blanket
  - Flea spray
  - Cleaning supplies (not necessary but recommended)
- GDRST recommends two people while transporting, if possible.
- NO CHILDREN will be allowed to go along when transporting.
- Depending on where the particular shelter or owner surrender is located, the dog will either be already evaluated for their temperament, or you will have to make a temperament evaluation before taking in the dog.
- If the dog does NOT look like a Great Dane, do not hesitate to call one of the rescue members and verify that is NOT a Great Dane. As much as we would like to save every dog, this is a specific breed rescue.
  - Note: Some Great Dane mixes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

## **Transporting from Shelter to Foster Home**

- Once a Great Dane has been evaluated and confirmed to be picked up from a particular shelter then a member of the GDRST will call, or email with further details on this Great Dane.
- Depending on the shelter there will be different procedures to follow when picking up the Great Dane. GDRST will provide you with the information needed for each shelter.
- Depending on the shelter, the Great Dane might have been microchipped, had an examination and/or shots done. Please ensure you have that information before leaving the shelter on what they have given the Great Dane already.
- Many shelters charge a fee for the dog, so you will either need to get money before going to the shelter, or you can pay upfront and be reimbursed.
- Once at the foster home, tell the foster parent all the behaviors exhibited while at the shelter, and during transport.
- Also, give the foster parent all the medical history information and papers for the Great Dane.
- Email or call one of the GDRST members to let them know how the transport went.

### **Transporting from Owner to Foster Home**

- Owners who are surrendering their Great Dane to GDRST must sign an *Owner Surrender Form*. Make sure you print out this form before going to the owner's home.
- For many this will be a difficult time and for others a relief. Please be sensitive to the situation. Do not just take the dog and leave without explaining how our rescue operates.
- If the owner has the vet records or any history on the Great Dane please obtain that information prior to leaving with the dog.
- Once at the Foster home, tell the Foster parent all the behaviors exhibited while at the owner's house, and during transport.
- Also give the Foster parent all the medical history information and papers for the Great Dane.
- Email or call one of the GDRST members to let them know how the transport went.

### **Transporting from Foster to Vet, Then from Vet to Foster**

- Sometimes the foster parent needs help transporting their Great Dane from their home or a meeting place to the vet for shots, heartworm treatment, or spay/neuter.
- GDRST will coordinate the contact between the foster parent and transporter.
- The Transporter will follow all the guidelines for veterinarian service outlined in the *Foster Guidelines*.