

How to Leash Train a Great Dane Puppy

Imagine a dog that doesn't listen to commands, pulls you on a leash, and wreaks havoc inside and outside of your home. Now imagine that dog is a 170 pounds and stands over 2.5 feet tall on all fours.

Granted, this is on the [larger side](#) for a male Great Dane, it's entirely possible for your new puppy to sprout to this size once full grown. Starting training early is a great way to make sure that your puppy becomes more well-behaved the bigger he gets—a must for this large breed.

Read on to learn tips and tricks for how to leash train a Great Dane puppy.

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While Danes may be [loving pets](#), they can become large nuisances if their training is neglected. Failure to train a Dane on a leash can result in anything from a run-away-dog to a dislocated shoulder or other painful injury.

Follow these [tips and tricks](#) for how to leash train a Dane:

1. Gear & Gadgets

Before you can start training, you first have to invest in the right leash, collar or harness.

Whatever you do, stay away from retractable leads. A retractable lead will only encourage your puppy to pull ahead and away from you. Instead, choose a 6-foot lead of either nylon or leather to give you more control.

It's also better to choose a harness over a collar for leash training. A harness helps to distribute the weight and pull evenly, while a collar tends to put a lot of unnecessary pressure on your dog's neck during training.

2. Choose a Good Place & Time to Leash Train

So, you've got your gear and you're ready to train—but when is the best time? And where?

Chances are if you first start outside, your puppy will be distracted with all the new sights and smells. Try starting in a controlled setting such as your living room. This way, your puppy can get more familiar with the lead before adding the extra newness of the outdoors.

You should also try to train your dog right after he or she has had a chance to exert some energy. Whether they just ran a few laps in the backyard or played around in the house, training slightly tired is better than training fully energized.

3. *Stick to the Three P's: Positivity, Praise, & Patience*

You're going to lose your patience with your puppy—it's inevitable. However, how you respond to your dog's behavior is entirely up to you.

Keep a calm tone and practice positive reinforcement with your dog, rewarding good behavior with tasty treats and praise. You'll find that your dog will respond better to positive reinforcement rather than punishment and yelling.

However, your puppy should know that you're still in control and the "pack leader." Don't let your dog lead you when you walk—you should lead your dog.

And most importantly: remember to take a deep breath. While the training process isn't always easy, it is always rewarding.

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