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Hi All,

It's too cold to go out and play with my Danes, so I'm spending the afternoon surfing web sites of interest to Dane owners. Several years ago, I bookmarked the Dane history web page below and I still think it's the best history of our breed I've seen on the Internet. I'm sharing it as Dog (Dane) Owner Education topic #37: Great Dane in History and Art.

It's interesting to read about the evolution of Great Danes from the great Molossian hunting dogs of the 6th century AD, to the selectively bred, taller and more slender Danes we know today. Did you know that the first Dane-type dogs were only the size of today's Golden Retrievers? And during their boar hunting days when Danes were bred for their ferocious temperament, most were no taller than 30" at the withers?

Did you know that Danes were called "English Dogges" in the 16th century, but over the years and depending on country, weight and even color in some cases, they have been called "Deutsche Doggen", "Ulmer Doggen", "Grand Danois", and "German Mastiff"?

And make sure you check out the vintage photos of Danes -- just lovely!

Very interesting reading here. THE GREAT DANE IN HISTORY AND ART
<http://www.msusers.com/THEGREATDANEINHISTORYANDART/welcomepage.msnw>
Enjoy!

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"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - Josh Billings

