

# We Celebrate The Life Of . . .

## Daneridge's Penelope Steele

NA, NAJ, NAP, OJP, CGC, TDI, TT  
2004 National Specialty High In Agility Trial Winner



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*She stole our hearts and touched our souls.  
Thank you for sharing Penelope's amazing life with us all.  
She was an inspiration and will live in our hearts forever!*

*Our deepest sympathy . . .*

Grandma Michele Koschik  
Delaney & Sydney - The Littlest Handlers  
John, Teresa, JW, Tessa, Judge & Angel Collins  
- Highlander Great Danes -  
Linda Grammatico - Spotwerks Harlequin Great Danes  
Lucretia & Steve Marcus - Bellemarc Danes  
Barb & Ronnie Wilson - Symmetry Danes  
Betsy Phelan - Orion Great Danes  
Linda Huckaba  
Kathy Marshall  
Linda Paradise Lyles  
Shari & Ken Ziegenbein - De Robles Danes  
Dana & Susan Davis Shaw - Davisdane  
Paddy Magnuson - Magnus Danes  
Maureen & Don Rendall  
Roger & Sharon Rendall - Rosha Danes

Cari Jensen - Dirt Rd. Danes  
Brittany Cipriotti - Ellenni Danes  
Jim Howey - James Dane Harlequins  
Bruce & Susie Powell  
Lynette Sisemore & The Girls  
Dick & Cathy Schaefer  
Lisa, John, Kristen, Tyler Garrison  
- Ink Spots Great Danes -  
Frank & Brenda Young  
- Royal Sooner Danes & Borzoi -  
Jim D. Bailey & Nancy Schycker-Bailey  
Joy DeGruccio - Tydwind  
Kim Winchester  
Zeli Schulte & Grimm  
Bruce & Debbie Bent - Bent-On-Danes  
Marta Brock

Arana Greenberg  
Dianne Powers  
Tracy Powell DVM - Dulce Danes  
Linda DeVincent - DaVinci Danes  
Lisa Harm - Painted Meadows  
Charity & Michael Davis & Jackie Fulkerson  
- Shebang Great Danes -  
Joyce Guthrie - Liberty Danes  
Laura, Bruce "Lady Patience" & "The Dukester"  
Rachel Rich  
Renee Broden  
Mindy, Jerry & Scott Tandy - MDT Cocker & Danes  
Ginnie Saunders - DaDane of DaWeek  
Andy & Debbie Port  
Mary Lee, Cadence & the girls of Surfside Great Danes  
Tracey Spillane - Wildcliff Danes

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# "Penelope" . . . The Magical Merle

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Eleven years ago my life was changed forever.

As crazy as it might sound I never imagined there would be a time in my life that Penelope and I would not be together. She was my heart and soul. We did everything together. There will never be another one like her.

When I reflect on Penelope's life & accomplishments it was nothing short of amazing. I always felt like I was just along for the ride. I hung on tight and she took me on a journey of a lifetime. All I did was believe in her! She afforded me an extraordinary 11 yrs that I will be forever grateful for. I will miss her every day I breathe on this earth without her. 100 yrs would not have been long enough.

11 yrs ago when I first entered the Dane world with one rambunctious merle girl, people could be less than kind. They often made it clear that there was no place for Penelope in their world. What did I know? She was my first Great Dane and I was proud of her ... I ADORED her. I refused to hide her or be shameful over her obvious fault...her color.

I always knew she was Special, there was just something about her from the day I met her at 4 weeks old, but I never imagined that she would take me on such an incredible journey and accomplish so much. Penelope changed the opinions of many and I must say I think she made her mark and at very least an impression on the Dane world. She taught us all a valuable lesson about age and to those who thought she could never, she defiantly showed them she could and that she could do it with the best of them. Many of her outspoken nay-sayers went on to become her biggest fans. Penelope's revenge was her success. She stepped out into the spotlight, stole the show and never looked back. She amazed even me. She was my strength and inspiration.

I can't help but feel she was destined for this life, I was just lucky enough to be chosen as the person to get her there. I believed in her and I gave her opportunity, she did the rest and loved every minute of it.

Penelope's favorite word was GO!!! And boy did she! She did everything with reckless abandon whether it was agility, hiking, being good or often being her stubborn, bad self... it was full speed ahead and she gave it her all. I guess she knew 11 yrs would be a short time in the scope of things and she had a lot to do. She lived every day to the fullest, packing multiple lifetimes into 11 short years.

I often laugh and say I am sure she was plotting to take over the world. That girl was so darn smart. She had drive, heart, determination and ATTITUDE and somehow pulled it all off with grace & dignity.

I hate to admit it but between the two of us there was no doubt she was in control. She trained me well. God I miss her! My house and heart are empty without her.

Words cannot begin to describe our loss.  
Because of her my life will never be the same.

Thank you Boo for never making it easy, for being the exception and not the rule, for your incredible will, drive and stubbornness, for never giving up on me while I fumbled to keep up with you. For being the best friend, teacher and mentor I could ever ask for, for giving me everything you had to give and then some, for allowing me to be as one with you on this journey of a lifetime. I Love you and miss you. - Suzzane  
PS Daddy says, "Don't forget who picked you Boo!"