



**Linda Arndt, “The Great Dane Lady”  
August 12, 1946- August 22, 2013**

In August of this year, we lost a very special friend, Linda Arndt. Known to us as the “The Great Dane Lady,” Linda worked for Precise Pet Products for four years. During those years, she focused her passion for large breed dogs and her knowledge and expertise in animal nutrition, to help create many of our large breed dog holistic formulas. To that end, we wanted to honor and pay tribute to Linda and share her story with all those she touched.

Linda had a love for animals, particularly dogs, at a very early age. She acquired her first Great Dane, named Neige in 1973. Neige died from bloat before her second birthday and it was this traumatic event that inspired Linda to begin her exhaustive and all-encompassing journey into canine nutrition.

For more than 34 years, Linda served as Professor Emeritus at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. As an educator, it was her quest for knowledge that led to a lifetime devoted to improving the lives of others – dogs and people alike. She was particularly interested in the study of nutritionally caused bone disease and the effects of high calorie diets on the growth of large and giant breeds. Linda lectured nationally and published numerous articles on growth, systemic yeast, general nutrition and how it relates to wellness and longevity for all pets. Her words can be seen in *DaneWorld Magazine*, *The Great Dane Reporter*, *Whole Dog Journal*, *Pet Health News*, *Pet Product News*, and *Animal Wellness*.

In 1973, Linda founded Blackwatch Great Dane Kennels in central Indiana with friends and respected breeders, Phil and Jane Gray of Owlwatch Kennels. There she worked as a canine nutritional consultant and bred, trained and successfully showed and finished many champion Great Danes, Pugs and Borzois. Linda worked hand-in-hand with puppy buyers, breeders, owners and veterinarians in helping to solve problems through proper diets in the hopes of promoting wellness and longevity.

From 1989-1995, Linda conducted a *National Bone Disease Survey* of more than 5,200 Great Dane cases of canine orthopedic diseases. Her research provided breeders with a better understanding of the causes, prevention, and management of developmental orthopedic diseases in large and giant breeds. From her research came the design and production of Eagle Natural Pack dog food and the development of Blackwatch adult and puppy feed programs.

In June 2006, Linda retired from Ball State University and founded Blackwatch Canine Nutritional Consulting, LLC to further her efforts in canine nutritional research by working with holistic companies to develop better foods and supplements for our pets. After trying Precise Pet Products in her feed trials in 2009, Linda joined the Precise team as a nutritional consultant to help develop new, innovative pet food formulas.

Perhaps Linda’s greatest influence at Precise was her leadership in developing the Precise

Holistic Complete formulas. Linda played a key role in the formulation of the Large and Giant Breed Puppy Formula, the Large and Giant Breed Adult Formula and revamped the new Senior Formula. It is through her expertise that the Precise Holistic Complete line continues to be well received by our customers.

As you can see, Linda's passion for learning and love of large breed dogs was the foundation of her life. She dedicated herself to research, education, and to her dogs. Linda leaves behind an unforgettable legacy.