

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2025 Patients of the Month

Meet Adele, a 3-year-old Great Dane, owned and bred by Jayme Lemaire, Jayme's mother, and a dear longtime friend. Jayme tells the story: "Adele is one of three Champion sisters from the same litter. She was the only fawn puppy in her litter, inspiring her registered name — **Ch. Lemaire's One and Only**. We also owned Adele's parents. Her father, Cash, was tragically lost at a young age. At the time of his passing, he was ranked the #2 dog in the country. Feeling devastated by his loss, we were determined to preserve his legacy. Accordingly, we later bred Adele to Cash's grandfather, Gable. Although Gable passed away on May 8, 2014, he amazingly remains the #1 Stud Dog in the breed. We were honored that Gable's owners trusted us to use the last of his frozen sperm on Adele.



"Adele is truly beautiful and affectionate. She loves climbing onto the couch or backing up to sit on your lap. She has a funny habit of grabbing blankets and holding them between her front feet as if so say, sorry, this is mine. She enjoys playing with her sisters in the yard, and although her show ring time has been limited to date, she earned her championship from the puppy class.



"We entrusted Suffield Veterinary Hospital with the breeding. Their vast experience made them the perfect choice to maximize our chances of success. Suffield boasts an exceptional record in artificial insemination and reproductive care, with a team known for expertise, kindness, and compassionate attention.

"Happily, the breeding was successful, and Adele was brought to Suffield for a planned C-section, where they delivered Zara, a beautiful fawn baby girl — another One and Only, as she was Adele's only puppy. The team at Suffield Veterinary Hospital shared in our joy and excitement with her birth, and we are deeply grateful to their wonderful staff."

Dr. Emilie Laston adds that a successful litter of beautiful puppies is one of the aspects of veterinary care that we look forward to at SVH. We take pride in working closely with breeders to produce the highest quality puppies. We offer breeders the ability to work with local stud dogs, as well as studs from around the world in the form of fresh chilled and frozen semen. Freezing semen is a complicated process which results in the production of "straws" or "pellets" which are stored indefinitely in liquid nitrogen. Once thawed, the sperm only live for about 12 hours, so timing is crucial. With Adele, we only had a portion of a breeding unit, and she had never had a litter. Knowing full well that this was a "Hail Mary" breeding, Adele's owners said, "let's do it." The result? One beautiful puppy, who now carries on the legacy of these champion genes!

To celebrate this wonderful outcome, and for giving us the opportunity to showcase Suffield Veterinary Hospital's expertise in breeding/artificial insemination, we are proud to name Adele and Zara our July 2025 patients of the month.

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