



“DEAR SANTA” –A Letter from the Homeless Rescue Dogs

Dear Santa, Another year has passed and many of us are still homeless and living at the Rescue. Of course as you well know, many others have come to join us. We really do not see why we are homeless but Grandma says it has to do with people—that people find it easier to dump us than to work through our issues or their own.

Last year we asked that you find us forever homes for Christmas, and, well to be honest, Santa, ya failed us to the point that even Martin who was adopted last Christmas has returned. Sorry Santa, we do not understand why no one wants us or wants us to be a forever part of their family.

Some people say we are too expensive or we are too big, but hey, they keep buying puppies. And of course as you know, Santa, they keep dumping them for the very same reasons they dumped us. I guess we do not understand the human race! Why can't humans commit to us? Why do humans think we are so disposable? Do they dump their two-legged children the same way they dump us?



Santa even if you can't give us our Christmas wish of forever homes will you at least give us **our second wish** that *NO puppies* be given as Christmas gifts!

You know as well as we do that most will end up homeless shortly after Christmas. Are

there not already enough homeless dogs in the United States?

Our third wish Santa is that you help us in our efforts to shut down puppy mills. Please help us to stop the endless suffering of the poor dogs in the puppy mills. Also their offspring that end up suffering in pet stores then dumped in animal shelters and rescues throughout the U.S.



Mozart and several of the other dogs here at the Rescue, puppy mill survivors themselves, work tirelessly creating art work to help fund the Rescue. They are also working hard to educate the public about puppy mills and the abuse that poor dogs in them suffer on a daily basis. Please Santa, help us to spread the word and help us to stop their suffering!

Santa we really are good dogs and we tried our best to do what our humans wanted but we failed. Now Grandma and the other volunteers at the Rescue work tirelessly to find us forever homes.

We are not stupid—we do realize that we are asking a lot wanting forever homes for all of us. So if we can't have our first three wishes can we please have some new toys to play with?



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The Rescue
will be closed for
the winter holidays
December 23–
January 5

NEW DOG-MADE ART BY MOZART

New functional art by Great Dane paw-artist Mozart includes ornaments and note cards. Ornaments are painted by Mozart in acrylic paint on flat wood or ceramic forms. Cards are glossy white, painted in acrylic paint,



blank inside for you to personalize. Someone on your gift list would love these! Check our **eBay** page for details.



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deductible!



DEAR GRACIE—Advice straight from the Dane's mouth!

Dear Gracie,

For several years when it first got cold, my owners always brought a tree in the house for me to use

so I wouldn't have to go outside to go potty. Okay, it was just for a few weeks, but it was nice. I thought this was fair as the cat has an indoor potty and never has to go out in the nasty weather.

Well, last year they brought in a little tree that they put on top of a table! I'm a big boy but that was beyond me. I pulled it off several times and used it as it was supposed to be used but they yelled and put it back on the table. I tried and tried to use it but to no avail. They even yelled at me when I couldn't reach it! How can I let them know that the bigger tree on the floor was so much nicer—that the little tree is beyond even my great capabilities?
—Aiming to please

Dear Aiming to please,

You are such a boy! Grow up, be a man,

and go outside to potty! If you aren't man enough to do that then ask mommy and daddy for a litter box just like the kitty—then I will call you kitty-dog! Going potty in the house is disgusting! —Gracie

Dear Gracie,

My family thinks I have a problem—I don't know why 'cause I don't think it's such a problem—I just love to lick. I lick myself a lot—after all isn't cleanliness next to dogliness? I particularly like to lick anywhere I have a scrape or sore. I lick and lick and lick until it bleeds. Mom and Dad spray nasty stuff on my favorite lick places and try to get me to chew bones and Kongs instead, but there is nothing as satisfying as a good lick! What should I do? I don't think it's so bad—at least I'm not destroying their shoes like my little sister!
—Loves to Lick

Dear Loves to Lick,

Why would you want to lick yourself until you bleed and destroy your beautiful body? A dog's body should be maintained

for its beauty just as I do mine. You need to see a doggy psychologist if you continue this behavior! —Gracie

Dear Gracie,

My mom bought me a frilly collar just like the one you wore in your picture in the last issue, and she makes me wear it every time we go out. I don't like it. What can I do? —Billy Bob

Dear Billy Bob,

Sit your mom down and explain to her that you are not comfortable dressing like that. Then take the pet catalog and show her clothing that you do like. Perhaps you'd rather have a black T-shirt? —Gracie

Send your questions to me c/o

hhdane.mom@gmail.com —Gracie

Visit my "Adopt Me" page at

<http://www.hhdane.com/danes/gracie04.htm>



RUBY'S REVIEWS

Hi, it's me again!

And yep, I've been doing some more reading while waiting

for my forever home. Today

I'll talk about a newer book and an old favorite.

In **The New Work of Dogs** Jon Katz explores the ways the relationship between dog and human have changed from working partnership to emotional support. Katz interviews and observes people and their dogs, some with healthy relationships and others with problematic relationships. Throughout the book Katz wonders whether we are asking too much of canine companions, only to discard them when they are unable to fulfill all the complex emotional needs of humans.

I sure get the "discarding" part, but I'm not sure about the other. Some of the stories are sad, some are touching, and some are comforting, but all add to the understanding of the bond between dogs and their people. Katz has authored several books exploring the human/canine connection, is a frequent

radio talk show guest, and has a forthcoming movie.

James Herriot's Dog Stories is classic book of dog stories from James Herriot, the country vet who wrote *All Creatures Great and Small* (and sequels) set in Yorkshire, England. While Herriot's veterinary methods may be much different than our vets these days, his love and compassion for his patients (and their people!) comes through in each story told about the dogs he's treated over the years. Enjoy reading this book for the first time, or take pleasure in reading it again!

Visit my "Adopt Me" page at <http://www.hhdane.com/danes/ruby.htm> to find about me and my rescue from the Pickaway County Cruelty Case.

Ruby reviews with the help of Whitney Townsend.



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Submit items of interest to Newsletter Editor Janet Carleton at hhdane.mom@gmail.com.

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VOLUNTEERS—the dogs thank you!

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Angel ornament, by Mozart, acrylic paint on wood.

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ATLAS is a homeless stray looking for a home with you.

RESCUE PICNIC 2006—what fun!



Adopted dogs and pet parents came to the Rescue in September to celebrate another year together. Good food and good company made for a great day! 🐾



The Rescue dogs celebrate the donation of gravel for the yard by playing King of the Hill. Thanks, Jeff & Betty Whittington!



TEDDY, a Shiba Inu, is a homeless Hurricane Katrina survivor who gets along with everyone.





RAINBOW BRIDGE—our deepest sympathy

Bonnie—Angie & Gina Piercefield
 Jason—Nathan Valentine
 Miranda—Linda & Marvin Briggs

Ranger AKA Ryan—Karalyn & James Frenelle
 Sasha and Levi—Tuja Stuard & Alex Okker

Help spread the word!

Spay and neuter make a real difference!

RECENT ADOPTIONS— congratulations!

Ben, Max, Gunner, and Connie—Steve & Sandy Nichols (pictured with Gunner)

Dillon—James & Karalyn Frenelle (pictured)

Inga—Ruth Friscoe

Jake—Daina Rice

Mindy—Kris Jacobson & Amanda Whinery (pictured)

Sophie—Craig & Molly Black

Willie—Amy & Steve Miller (Amy pictured)



VOLUNTEERS at work!



Marianne Moots and helper CHEYENNE work the Dayton Mingle with Our Mutts.

Volunteers and their helpful dogs worked at awareness events around Ohio in September and October promoting adoption and educating against irresponsible breeding.

Awareness events in Ohio included Athens County's Mutt Strut, Mingle with Our Mutts in Columbus and Dayton, Super-Petz in Troy, PETS MART and Moochie & Co. stores in Columbus, and Pet Supply "Plus" in Cincinnati.

Almost every Saturday volunteers come to the Rescue to work. They begin with a deep cleaning of the facility, then work with potential adopters and/or assist the dog-artists in creating dog-made art to be auctioned on eBay.



Mother and daughter team Karen & Meredith Callinan groom KENNY during October Grooming Day.



Monthly Grooming Days, held on Sundays, are another opportunity for volunteers to visit the Rescue to work. Grooming Days give the dogs an opportunity to make friends with new people, in addition to learning about toenail clipping and cleaning ears.

Fundraising activities by volunteers included making and selling items at craft fairs, crafting items for sale on eBay, and selling Fall Raffle tickets. Keep up the good work for the dogs!

Check the Web site for upcoming events in your area!

<http://www.hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



The Simms family combines their considerable grooming talents to the benefit of MIMI at September Grooming Day.



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Your financial support is what keeps us going. Without you, we would not be able to save them. Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone from our lists, we sincerely apologize.

SCOTTY suffers from HOD and will require many months of treatment.



See "How to Help" on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.
<http://www.hhdane.org/>





Visit our Web site often—your next best friend may be waiting there for you!

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 57 Great Danes, 9 Saint Bernards, 2 other breeds, and 7 mixed breeds waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1201 Great Danes and other dogs.

HHGDR eBay Fundraising Auctions



Keep an eye on the HHGDR eBay fundraising auctions! New items go up every week.

Visit www.hhdane.org/ to link to all our auctions.



We have many items large and small that would make wonderful holiday gifts.

Mozart has expanded to works on canvas—some of his best work yet!



We're offering Longaberger items almost every week, so if that's what you collect,

keep a close eye on the auctions.

Not only photos



but T-shirts and hats with Mozart's *pawtographs* continue to be popular.



Our heartfelt thanks to the many folks who both donated and purchased items!

A special thanks to Louise Peterson, Dane Sculptor, who donated her original work.

