



DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

Dear Santa,
We have been very good dogs this year and we are hoping that you will be kind enough to give us a few Christmas presents. The directors and volunteers are hoping for money or building supplies to repair our building, but remember Santa, we are just dogs, and dogs are like children—we want TOYS!

We have tried very hard to be very good dogs this year and most of the time Grandma agrees. Of course we do have our days when we are not so good, but we blame that on the moon. So while Grandma was out scooping our poop and cleaning up our messes we decided to send you our Christmas list.

Our first wish as always—we would love to have forever homes, especially for the senior dogs that seldom are even looked at. But we aren't stupid (although some people think we are but we know better)—we hear the calls Grandma has been getting again this year and for those of us who were here last year we know the economy is still not

doing so well. Everyone is still dumping and not adopting again this year!

So we decided to be realistic. We would like toys that would last us a few weeks and not cause Grandma to worry about a blockage surgery because we ate the toys again, plus toys are cheaper than surgery!

Of course Santa, we will be appreciative of anything we get, as Grandma tells us it is not polite to beg.

Thank you Santa for reading our letter again this year and we sure hope you can give us each a toy for Christmas. Of course 2 would be great, but 1 each would give us all some joy this holiday season.

Also Santa, please don't bother wrapping our gifts, that is more work for Grandma and after all we care about our planet and being green too.

Just so you don't have to work too hard looking for our toys and stuff we have included some links where we found them. Of course Santa, please feel free to shop

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The Rescue will be closed for adoptions and viewing dogs from December 19 to January 9.

Donations, purchases of Mozart's work, and sponsorships will not be affected.



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Donations are tax-deductible!

THESE DANE GIRLS—would like to meet you!



TANER is a young female Great Dane who loves to play!



ZARA is a Mastiff. She would love a forever home!



ZIVA is a Great-Dane looking for a home with a couch!



“DEAR SANTA” Continued

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anywhere you prefer!

- * <http://www.helpingudders.com/BigDogToys.htm>
(Helping Udders has toys just for big dogs including some we have never seen before! Plus if you buy there, **10% goes back to our Rescue.**)
- * <http://www.kvvet.com>
- * <http://www.petedge.com>
- * <http://www.dog.com>

Have a Happy Holiday!
Hugs & Slobbers
All the Dogs at HHGDR

PS Please do not tell Grandma I drooled on the monitor and keyboard—that really upsets her. Besides, who do you think she will believe? Me with my sad and honest brown eyes or you a human?

OUR TOY WISH LIST

- * BiteABones (Bowser 8 ½”) any flavor, we aren’t too picky
- * Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- * Bones: Sterilized (large or giant)
- * Jolly Balls
- * Nylabone: Knots (large or giant)
- * Nylabone: Bones (giant or souper)
- * Rope Toys (XL)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large only, please)
- * Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus or Chicken
- * Zogotlex: Būmi, Hurley, or Huck (large only, please)

Don't forget
to renew
your Ohio
dog license!



Azaleas at Mo-night by MOZART. 8 x 10”, acrylic on canvas.

I’M TOO OLD FOR A PUPPY By Karen Callinan

Our family has had its share of puppies. Our last two dogs, however, were adopted as adults, and I must say, going home with a new dog who is housebroken is a bonus of major proportions.

I recently spent time puppy sitting my granddog, a 13-week-old Dachshund. Not only is she young, the difference in bladder size between Dachshund and Great Dane is great! I had to take her out every 3 hours, and considered myself lucky when she slept through the night!

My adult dogs were not only housebroken, but if given something to chew, appreciated it and stayed with it. My Granddog went for my jeans, earrings, which I removed promptly, socks, fingers, nose, and so on. Not willing to allow this, I carried toys with me to stuff in her mouth whenever tiny teeth came into contact with my tender flesh, or the cat’s tender tail.

I walk my Dane for companionship, exercise for both of us, and the sheer joy of it. “Walking” a puppy is rather like holding a leash with a writhing snake on the end of it. One experiences quite a few starts, stops, tangles, turns in circles, and the necessity of pulling said pup away from all manner of nasty things. My granddog’s favorite was rabbit turds. Sorry! Too much information?

Please bear in mind that I really do love this puppy. She is beautiful and reputedly bred. My daughter signed a contract not only insisting that the pup be spayed, but returned to the breeder if at anytime my daughter is unable to keep her.

I am encouraging friends to adopt an adult dog as a first dog, especially if they have children. The children and adults alike will not become bored or frustrated with the dog before it is housetrained, and adult dogs who are adopted tend to be thrilled to find forever homes. They tend to come with their best behavior, intent upon pleasing their new families.

I am too old for a puppy full time. I have come to appreciate an adult dog who appreciates me. He hangs on every word I say, is very eager to please, and would lean on me all day for the love I am very happy to supply. He also has a very large bladder, can sleep all night long without having to go out, and can go more than 3 hours between trips outside. Oh yes, he also leaves my earrings alone.

The Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue Newsletter is published four times a year by the Rescue.

Submit items of interest to Newsletter Editor Janet Carleton at janet.carleton@gmail.com.

Current and back issues are available from the Web site and by request. <http://www.hhdane.org/>





DOGS AS GIFTS—Please Don't!

Dogs and puppies should never be given as gifts. A dog given as a gift can easily be neglected amongst all the holiday excitement. Dogs and puppies need special care and attention when moved to a new home. Unfortunately, during the holiday season, dogs can be quickly forgotten amongst new toys, games and parties.

Never get a dog on impulse! Often a surprise gift of a dog or puppy can turn out to be an unwanted gift. Despite good intentions, getting a dog for someone else is almost always a bad idea.

Most people prefer to choose their own dog or puppy. It is part of the dog/owner relationship that needs to be done personally. Remember, that owner must be prepared to care for her new dog for the rest of its life, which could be 15 or 20 years.

Adding a dog or puppy to a family is like a marriage, you would not want someone to pick your bride or groom for you, so let them make this decision on their own.

Instead, give dog-related gifts such as a book on a favorite breed, a gift certificate for toys and dog supplies from the local pet supply store, or a portrait to be done of the new dog.

You can even help a dog while shopping by giving a [sponsorship](#) to one of our homeless dogs or by purchasing from our [gifts](#).

HOLIDAY PET CARE

The winter holidays can be a time of joy for humans, but many holiday items are dangerous to pets. In all the busyness, visiting, and cooking, please keep a watchful eye on your pets. Take time for your fur kids and take special care to keep both holiday items and visitor's everyday items away from them.

According to [Pet Sitters International](#), a recent survey of its members found that "the biggest pet safety hazard consistently witnessed by pet sitters during the holidays is a pet's access to dangerous materials in the home that can be easily ingested."

Many holiday decorations are hazardous to dogs. And don't forget the lights with dangling cords which can be so tempting. Rich and fatty leftovers can trigger pancreatitis, ingesting turkey bones can be fatal, and chocolate and some tree nuts are toxic. Be sure to keep them up, far out of reach. Evergreen tree water can be poisonous—be sure to cover open tree stand bases. Secure trees to a wall and watch for pets chewing on needles.

PSI notes that the most common pet-related emergency over the holidays is caused by access to human pharmaceuticals. Make sure your and your company's prescription and non-prescription drugs are safely put away.

Please be cautious this holiday season, and throughout the year.

For more information see the Educational section on the Rescue's website.

HOT LINES

Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine's free poison control hot line is available M-F, 8-5 at 785-532-5679.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's emergency hot line (fee-based) is available 24-hours at 1-888-426-4435. Additional information on the PCC [Web site](#).



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Charlie Smith



Bio: Hometown: Columbus, Ohio (since college); Occupation: consultant in computer business, retired. Spouse Betty Shonebarger is also a long-time volunteer.

Owned by: Two Great Danes, Bacchus and Turbo; a Doberman, Moose; and 2 cats.

Current HHGDR work: Dog and food transport, awareness events, and grooming days.

HHGDR History: Began as volunteer with Great Dane Rescue of Ohio until it dissolved.

High point: "Knowing that a lot of Danes are now better off, many in forever homes."

Left: Charlie Smith holds a dog during Grooming Day at the Rescue.





VOLUNTEERS—our Most Sincere Thanks!

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CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPCOMING AWARENESS EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!



VOLUNTEERS—we couldn't do it without you!

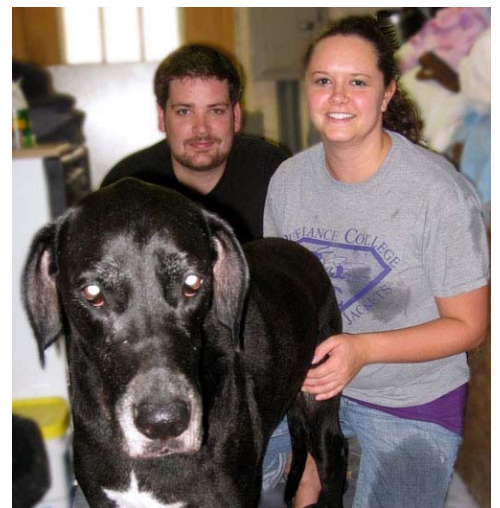
Volunteers perform many much needed tasks. Those tasks include Grooming Day at the Rescue, awareness and fundraising events around our adoption region, cleaning and upkeep of the Rescue facility, transporting dogs and supplies, writing for the newsletter, collecting proofs of purchase, and publicity and outreach.

Volunteers at awareness events set up a table with educational material provided by the Rescue and bring their dogs along. People enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that need forever homes.

HHGDR would love to put **you** to work helping the homeless dogs too! Please check the Rescue site for events in your area. <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



Ed Luksic and BERKELEY work an awareness event at Petsmart Cincinnati.



Beau & Michelle Chinn bathe MARIE during Grooming Day at the Rescue.



RAINBOW BRIDGE— Our Deepest Sympathy

Chiquita—Dale & Tom Bath
Hoover aka Oliver—Tara Smith-Gifford
Miley—Lydia Baker

See “How to Help” on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.

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



Am-paw Theater by MOZART. 24 x 30”, acrylic on canvas.



Modern Interpretation by MOZART. 8 x 10”, acrylic on canvas.

RECENT ADOPTIONS— Congratulations!

Benson—Lydia Baker
Carina—Beth Mack
Devonee—Jason Weier & Heidi Neltner
Wesley—Tom Mattingly & Jonathan Williams
Clockwise from the top





DONORS AND SPONSORS—A Huge Thank You!



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THANK YOU!

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 of donors and volunteers, we sincerely apologize.



KINGSTON and LINCOLN, homeless Great Danes, say THANK YOU to every one of you who have helped the Rescue!



HOLIDAY SEASON FUNDRAISERS—Helping the Rescue

AVON Santa's Helpers Fundraiser

Hello Harlequin Haven Supporters!

My name is Twyla Black, an occasional volunteer at the Rescue, mom of Cass and Amy who crossed the Rainbow Bridge last year, and Betty who blesses my family every day.

I am also an Independent AVON Sales Representative. With the holidays on the way, here is an opportunity for all of us to be Santa's Helpers and help the dogs at the Rescue too.

All you need to do is shop online at my website, <http://www.youravon.com/twylablack>.

From there, simply make your purchases of holiday gifts, personal care, fragrance, and skin care items; at checkout use promotion code **Dane09**. You'll pay the everyday cost for your products, plus, between **November 26–December 5, 20% of your purchase will be donated to Harlequin Haven**. Your purchase will be delivered directly to you. Feel free to call me at 937-829-8102 with any questions.

Decorate our Holiday Tree

Help us decorate our online tree! Your tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more gets an ornament on our tree. Clicking on the ornament shows a photo of your choice and caption (up to 20 words). Your photo could be of a loved one, your pet (past or present), or even a family group.

Photos should be e-mailed to info@hhdane.org or hardcopy can be mailed (we will scan your picture for you—if you want the picture returned send a self-addressed stamped envelope). Donations can be accepted through PayPal on the Rescue website or a check via mail.



Pies, Pies, Pies!

Pie sales benefiting HHGDR are for the Dayton, Ohio area only. Maffies Pies in apple, blueberry, cherry, chocolate cream, coconut cream, Dutch apple, lemon meringue, peach, and pecan are available for \$9 per pie.

Pie shelf life is 3–4 days for cream, 4–5 days for fruit, and 10 days–2 weeks for pecan. However, they all can be frozen for up to 2 months. (After freezing just thaw at room temperature; 3–4 hours for fruit pies, longer for pecan.)

Orders will be taken through Monday, December 7; delivery date is Thursday, December 17.

Contact Marsha Wheeler at KidWhlr2@aol.com for more information or to order.

See "[How To Help](#)" on the Rescue Web site for all these ways to help.

happy Hanukkah



MORE DANE GIRLS— that would like to meet you!

These girls would love to follow you home before the holidays, and they're in their holiday best too!

Clockwise from top: BOBBI, BEKKI, and MYLA





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 28 Great Danes, 5 other breeds, and 2 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1353 dogs.

Happy Holidays
from all the
Rescue dogs!



ART WITH A MISSION by Mozart Dane



Red Charm Paw-onies by MOZART. 8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

Mozart's paintings make great holiday gifts for the animal-lover on your list!

Mo paints with his paws to help support the Rescue and provide for the homeless dogs. He is the Rescue Spokes-dog against puppy mills, pet stores, and for spay/neuter.

Mo was recently featured in three magazines, *Dog Fancy* (Dec.), [614 Magazine](#) (Nov.), and *Cincinnati Parent* (Nov./Dec.). Thanks all, for helping us get the word out!

To view and purchase Mo's paintings and crafts, and find out about upcoming events, please see <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.

To interact with Mo online, visit him on [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), or [Facebook](#).



MOZART DANE, our painter and Rescue spokesdog.