



# HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE



# NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

Dear Santa,

All of us here at Harlequin Haven hope that you have had a great year—we dogs, as always, are hoping to get forever homes before the year ends. I am writing for all of us here at the Rescue—they told me I could be the spokesdog.

Every year you ask who has been naughty and nice. I promise we have been really, really, really good this year. Okay, sometimes we push and shove one another to get in the door first on rainy or cold days or dinner time. Yes, maybe just once, we didn't come when we were called, **but** in all fairness several of us are hearing impaired. Overlooking those minor things, I promise we have been good this year!

We get letters and emails from our brothers and sisters in forever homes. They tell us how wonderful their lives are and what great toys they get from their new mommies and daddies.

We haven't found our forever homes, yet.



Sweet ULYSSES has waited a long time for a home.

Grandma is great, and she and other volunteers do everything they can for us, but it is still really hard especially this time of year.

We made a wish list for you. It would be really wonderful if you

could get us a couple of things for Christmas!

Santa, many of the young healthy Danes are getting adopted while their mentors and elders are watching as they leave. As much as we love seeing them leave, it is so hard. It would be great if you could think about the young handicapped and yes the older ones that are here as they too deserve



TORI is missing a leg but her heart is full of love.

a loving home. Maybe **you** have just the right home and are looking for some extra love and companionship?

Santa, I know you are busy. If you want help finding or picking out gifts Grandma is always more than happy to help and give you a hand. If you are looking for the perfect place to find gifts we have some suggestions below.

Thank you so much for reading our letter, and we wish you all happy holidays from all of us at HHGDR!

*Love, Mozart*

P.S. We appreciate every gift sent by Santa, but unfortunately we don't have opposable thumbs so me and my siblings can't open the presents. We and the trees would be more grateful if you kept your wrapping paper for the humans.

*Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!*

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**The Rescue will be closed for adoption appointments December 21 to January 8.**



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## RESCUE ADDS SUNDAY ADOPTION APPOINTMENTS

New this winter are once-a-month Sunday openings! This is in addition to our Saturdays, and still by appointment only. (The dogs would love volunteers for work on these dates too.)

During this holiday season, the dates we'll be open are below. We'll reopen following the annual holiday closure for appointments on Saturday,

January 9.

- \* Sunday, November 29
- \* Saturday, December 5
- \* Saturday, December 12
- \* Sunday, December 20

**HHGDR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer-run Rescue. Donations are tax-deductible!**



## 2015 HOLIDAY TOY WISH LIST

### HHGDR Mission Statement

To educate people about spay/neuter and the need for sterilization of all pets, proper health care of a pet, and nutritional requirements.

To promote humane principles, to protect homeless, abandoned, and mistreated Great Danes, and other animals as space allows.

To work with animal shelters and humane societies to protect Great Danes.

To locate life-long homes for the homeless Great Danes and any other animal in our care.

HHGDR advocates for the **spay and neuter** of all pets. There aren't enough homes for them all!



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](mailto:janet.carleton@gmail.com).

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

### TOYS

- \* Antlers: Elk (large or mammoth)
- \* Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- \* JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- \* Hartz Dura Play Football (large)
- \* Kong: Tugga Wubbas or Wubbas (large/XL)
- \* Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- \* Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large)
- \* Tough By Nature: JW Bowling Pins (large)
- \* Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus, Fish, Frog, or Chicken (large)

### MADE IN THE USA TOY SOURCES

- \* <http://smile.amazon.com/>
- \* <http://www.toysmadeinamerica.com/dogs.html>
- \* <http://www.katiesbumpers.com/>
- \* <http://www.kongcompany.com/>
- \* <http://www.mickeypetsupplies.com/Made-in-USA-pet-supplies-s/118.htm>
- \* <http://www.purrfectplay.com/>
- \* <http://www.westpawdesign.com/articles/-west-paw-story/who-made-it>
- \* [http://www.elkantlerdogchews.com/Buy\\_Elk\\_Antler\\_Dog\\_Chews.php](http://www.elkantlerdogchews.com/Buy_Elk_Antler_Dog_Chews.php)

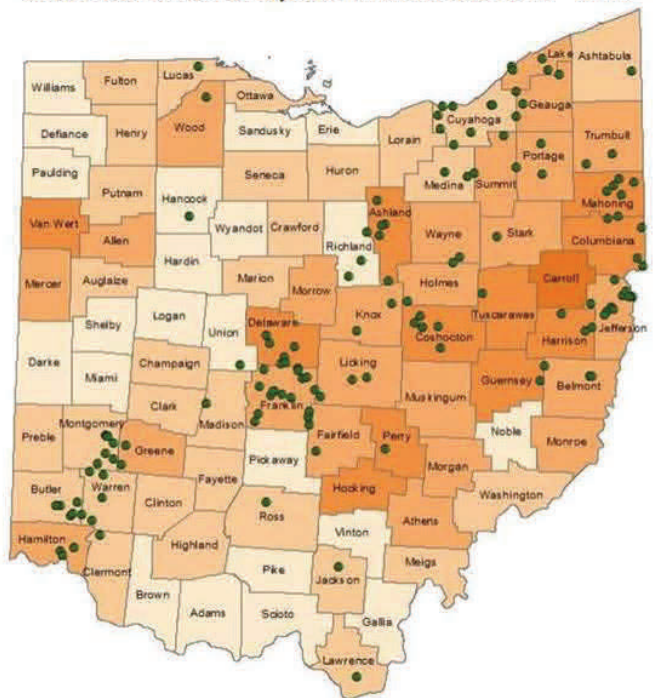
## LYME DISEASE IN OHIO—Protect Your Dogs & Family

A high number of blacklegged or deer ticks are being seen in our adoption area, and in most every state east of the Mississippi River. These ticks are responsible for spreading Lyme disease.

In 2014, Ohio had 119 cases of Lyme disease; so far in 2015 there have already been 135 cases. We recommend healthy dogs get the vaccination. Be sure to protect yourself and your pet from tick bites.

Learn more by about Lyme Disease and how to protect yourself and your pets at: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/lymedisease/>.

Lyme Disease 2015 Ohio Cases Compared to Incidence 2005 – 2014



Right: Ohio Department of Health data as of 10/26/2015.

## ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as an all-volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed more than 1,530 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 13 Danes are available

for adoption. In addition, the Rescue houses Sanctuary Dogs living out their lives in the safe environment of the Rescue (the latter unadoptable for health, age, or other conditions). In 2014, HHGDR spent more than \$17,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.





## NEW FUNDRAISING PAGE ON FACEBOOK

Announcing the Rescue's new fundraising page on Facebook, featuring auctions. The auctions began earlier this fall and are building up steam—of course the more people who know about them, the greater the chance they will see something they like being offered there. So please share with your friends and family!

For the week of Thanksgiving shopping we have a couple of really special items.

First, "The Apollo of Dogs" miniature created and donated by Louise Peterson, [the Dane Sculptor](#). It is cast marble, 6 1/2" long, and sells for \$95.

Second, the 2000 Founder's Basket by Longaberger. With "To Dad with Love" embossed on the bottom and daughters' signatures, it includes plastic protector and woven wooden lid.

Other very nice items planned for this week include collar/leash combo, dog clothing, socks, bags, and purse. Items offered vary by the week, but there are always a range of **great** deals available.

<https://www.facebook.com/HHGDR.fundraising/>



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—John & Meghan Board

**Bio:** Previously resided in the Dayton area, but now live in West Virginia. John is a bank auditor and Meghan is a 911 dispatcher and social worker.

**Owned by:** Two dogs, ZEFF (11) and ONDRIEA (9), both adopted from HHGDR.

**Current HHGDR work:** We like to help with grooming days at the Rescue and have helped at art events to raise money and awareness. We also sponsor a Sanctuary Dog each month.

**HHGDR history:** Adopted our first dog SAWYER (SCARLETT) in 2008. Participated in our first event in 2009 at the Americana Festival in Centerville, Ohio. Have gradually gotten more involved with grooming days and events.

**High points:** We love giving the dogs at the Rescue extra love and attention during grooming days. Spending time with the dogs is very gratifying and rewarding to us. And

helping at the art events lets us convey the enthusiasm and passion we have for the Rescue with people who can make a difference for the dogs.





## VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

Volunteers perform **all** tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Some tasks require visiting the Rescue itself, many others do not.

**We would love to have you—please email the Rescue at [info@hhdane.org](mailto:info@hhdane.org) for a volunteer application.**

Please check the Rescue website for events in your area!

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

**Don't forget to renew your Ohio dog license!**

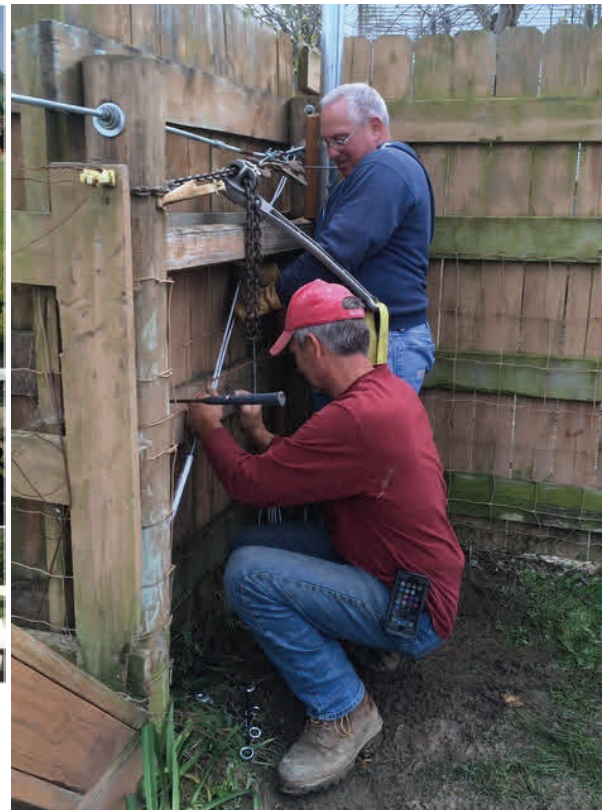
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*Right: Volunteers Steve Grubich and Rick Rolfes work on the gate at the Rescue. Top: Dori & Brad Baker, John & Meghan Board, Beth Mack, Jenni Reinhart, and Tom Yacks worked the Wags, Whiskers, and Wine event at Harmony Hill Vineyards in Bethel.*





## RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

- ANTON—Jeff & Betty Whittington • ELTON—Michele & Graham Myatt • ORWELL—Erica Hilderbrand & Matthew Campos •
- PAULA and POPPY—Autumn Goldsmith & Hansel Henry • TARIN—Steve & Kim Grubich • WATSON—Mame & Craig Corson •



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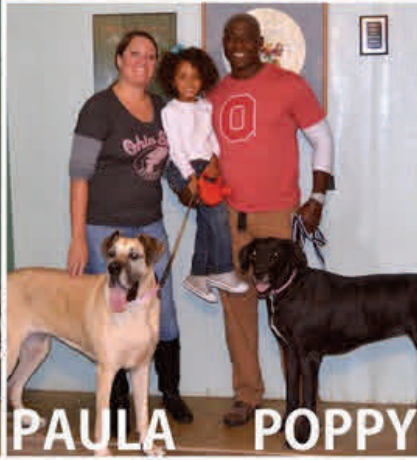
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**DONORS AND SPONSORS—A Huge Thank You!**

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Dori Baker	Autumn Goldsmith	GUINNY and JAGER Miller
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	Christe McGarry	Holly Witte
	Heather McManes	Judy & Tom Yacks
	Kelly & Mark Merino	

**MEMORIALS—All Our Sympathy**

FLUFFY—Tom & Judy Yacks  
 HARMONY—Autumn Goldsmith  
 HEATH—Stacey & Robert Kienle  
 KEVIN—Tim & Melinda Going  
 LARRY, LITTLE, PEARL—Tom & Dale Bath  
 OLIVIA aka DAISY—Becky Klabusich  
 SCARLET—Mike & Beth Sedlock

*Thank you for all donations  
 large and small! We could not  
 save the dogs without you.*







## 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](mailto:info@hhdane.org) or hard-copy 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 site or a check via mail.

View the tree at <http://hhdane.org/tree/tree.htm>.

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

## MOZART DANE

**MOZART** has retired from painting and exhibiting at festivals but there are a few beautiful art works still available for purchase—perfect for holiday gifts for your loved ones and pet-loving friends.

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

Paintings can be viewed and purchased from the Rescue website. Lay-away and gift certificates also available.

Read Mo's story at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



Mo-grating Butterflies by MOZART. 18" x 24 acrylic on canvas, \$215.



<http://pinterest.com/HHGDR/mozart-dane-s-art-hhgdr/>



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**LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...**

*We have 13 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,532 dogs.*



**Happy Holidays from our  
adoptable Danes!**