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Dear Santa from the Homeless Dogs at Rescue

Well we are back again this year in hopes that your elves made lots of toys and Mrs. Claus baked lots of treats so there will be lots of toys and yummy treats left over for homeless dogs like us. Grandma and the volunteers are always telling us what good dogs we are, and we are grateful for your generosity every Christmas!

The toys you brought us last Christmas are well loved and well worn. And what dog wouldn't want an extra treat or two? Treats are also good for training and help us pay attention. We know you have a generous heart, Santa, so our paws are

crossed, and we are hoping that we will find some new toys from our wish lists Christmas morning.

Santa, you know that our first wish is always to find forever homes, especially for the senior dogs among us who are often overlooked. But in addition to being very good dogs, we are also smart and know that all of us will not find a forever home this year.

So, being realistic as well as very good dogs, we would like toys that can last us a few weeks and not cause Grandma to worry about us eating them and causing a blockage. As you know, Santa, as you have brought us size-appropriate toys in the past, we are very big and strong chewers. And toys are cheaper than surgery!

You also know, Santa, we are orphans, and we will be thankful for anything you bring us. As Grandma tells us, it is not polite to beg or be greedy. We have heard volunteers talking about sending money or gift cards to their grandchildren because they are not sure what to buy them and we have learned to shop on the internet, so if it's

easier ...we love to shop on the internet!! We promise not to drool too much on Grandma's keyboard this year.

Thank you very much, Santa, for reading our letter again this year. We sure hope you can bring us each a toy for Christmas. Of course, two would be great, but one each for all the adoptable and sanctuary dogs at HHGDR would be fantastic and give us all joy this holiday season. And we promise to have Grandma and the volunteers scoop our play yard, so you won't get dog poo on your boots when you step out of your sleigh.

Have a Happy Holiday!

PS Please don't bother wrapping our gifts, after all, we care about our planet and global warming we keep hearing about.

Hugs, Slobbers, and love from all the VERY GOOD dogs at HHGDR



Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!




GABBY is now ready for adoption!

- 13 dogs / 1 horse in need of forever homes
- 6 Sanctuary Dogs
- HHGDR has adopted out 1589 dogs/horses
- FAQ at hhdane.org/faq/faqmain.htm

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 [facebook.com/HHGDR.fundraising](https://www.facebook.com/HHGDR.fundraising)

 [facebook.com/MozartDane](https://www.facebook.com/MozartDane)

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Newsletter Dedicated to Nancy Marconett

This holiday newsletter is dedicated to long time Rescue supporter, adopter, and volunteer, Nancy Marconett. Nancy sadly passed away this month just short of her 90th birthday. It's hard to come up with a job that Nancy didn't do over her years at the Rescue.

Up until her final illness, Nancy served the Rescue board as secretary, as well as managing sponsorships and confirmation of donations with cards she designed herself. Prior to that she also worked awareness events, edited this

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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.



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 website and by request.



2019 Holiday Toy Wish List



Toys

- * Antlers: Elk (see link)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Hartz: Dura Play Football (large)
- * Kong: Tugga Wubbas/ Rope Tugga Wubbas/ 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>

Too Strict? A True Story from a Rescue Volunteer

So you think the Rescue is too strict on its policies for fencing and not allowing your dog off leash? Read on...

SHADE was a Goldendoodle who was used for breeding purposes on a farm. He was crated pretty much all the time but not technically "abused." He certainly did not have the human companionship that he needed. The owners decided that he was no longer needed for breeding and decided to search for a new home for him.

Anne and Jim had lost their dog about a year ago. Anne's job was stressing her out and she convinced Jim that a dog would help her stress level. He agreed. A friend of Anne's knew of a Goldendoodle that needed a good home. Introductions were made, and SHADE came home with Anne and Jim.

He was the perfect dog for Anne and was exactly what she needed. SHADE became very attached to Anne and was "her" dog. He went everywhere with Anne and wouldn't let her out of his sight. He minded, he never strayed, and just wanted to be with Anne.

Anne and Jim did not have a fence, except for the side of my fence separating our properties. SHADE was always good about not running away and always came when Anne called him back. Lots of wildlife live behind our houses—deer, raccoons, groundhogs, stray cats—everything that should tempt a dog to give chase. Not SHADE. He even went in the front yard with Anne when she was gardening or loading her car for work. Never needed to be leashed. He was always by her side, and she always thought he would never stray from her...

...Until tonight. Anne was in the front of her house loading her car for work. SHADE, as always, was with her. Suddenly SHADE ran towards the street, chasing two neighborhood cats.

Anne called and called, but he did not come to her. A car was coming down the street at the same time. SHADE was killed instantly. Now Anne is agonizing over the loss of her beloved SHADE and wondering what she could have done differently.

Do you still think the Rescue is too strict? I didn't think so.

About the Rescue

HHGDR has operated as a volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,589 dogs and horses in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Ken-

tucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 14 dogs/horses 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 2017, HHGDR spent more than \$20,700 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.

Nancy Marconett continued

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newsletter (beginning in 1997), performed in-homes, transported dogs, groomed, was treasurer, and everything else in between!

With her first adoption in 1994, Nancy began providing a long line of loving homes to BILLY BOB, BRITNEY, BUDDY, HARLEY, JASMINE, MERCEDES, PATTON, SARA, and THOR (and I'm probably missing some). *She will be deeply missed.*

Obituary

Nancy Ellen Marconett, 89, of Wilmington, passed away early Wednesday morning, November 6, 2019 at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

She was born December 11, 1929, daughter of the late Vernon and Mildred (Arrasmith) Marconett.

She was a 1947 graduate of Wilmington High School and 1951 of Ohio Northern University.

Nancy was an active member and Elder Emeritus of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and was a retired pharmacist working at Clinton Memorial Hospital and Mercy Health in Springfield.

Surviving are her church family, friends in the community and Great Dane Rescue.

Contributions in Nancy's memory may be made to Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue or her church.



#GivingTuesday—Tuesday 12/3

On Tuesday, December 3rd, HHGDR is joining an international day of generosity called #GivingTuesday. It's a globally recognized day when you can make a huge impact for our Danes.

With your help, we'll raise funds to help cover the cost of our veterinarian bills! Our goal this #GivingTuesday is to raise

\$10,000. No donation is too small, so please consider the Danes this #GivingTuesday!

Make a contribution to our campaign on #GivingTuesday at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/503167986950052/10156921901188723/>

Thank you for your support, Dale & the Danes



Volunteers—It Wouldn't Happen Without You!

Awareness Events by City

Mingle with Our Mutts

- Dayton (Montgomery Co. Animal Resource Center)

Moochie & Co

- Columbus (Polaris Mall)

PetPeople

- Cleveland (River Common, Rocky River)

Petsmart

- Cincinnati (Western Hills)
- Columbus (Easton)

Pet Valu

- Westerville

See exact dates/times on the Events page at <https://hhdane.com/events/events.htm>

The dogs need you!

Send an email to info@hhdane.org for a volunteer application today!



Volunteer Roll—THANK YOU

- Wendi, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau
- Jason Brown
- Janet Carleton
- Don Corsmeier
- Monika Dail
- Ken & Kelly Eiker
- Dale Francis
- William Gentry
- Mary Beth Gettins
- Melinda & Tim Goings
- Steve & Kim Grubich
- Doug & Mary Hull
- Ed Luksic
- Beth Mack
- Kathy Marsh
- Nancy Marconett
- Brad Mathews
- Moira McCarthy
- Christe McGarry
- Kelly, Mark, Jackson, Naomi & Bella Merino
- Amy & Steve Miller
- Amanda Owen
- Nancy Schmidt
- David Scott
- Mike & Beth Sedlock
- Sandra Seidman
- Barbara & Brian Spatz
- Kathie Walmsley
- Randy & Becky Ware
- Marsha Wheeler
- Jo & Ken Williams
- Mike Winters
- Judy & Tom Yacks
- Chris Yacks



Check the Rescue site for awareness event dates in your area.

<https://hhdane.com/events/events.htm>

Top: Ed Luksic and adopted Danes FELISA and IAN work a Petsmart event. Both dogs are hearing and sight impaired and are great ambassadors for the Rescue!

Bottom: HALLEE interacts with an interested passerby at her first time working a Moochie & Co. event with her adopter Beth Sedlock (behind the camera).

A Dog's Safe Space—The Rescue Dogs Speak Out

Does your dog have a safe place? What is a safe place you may ask, and why does a dog need one?

Some of the dogs here at the Rescue were saying they wish they had had a safe place to go to. As a human, when you are tired of your children, husband or wife "bugging" you, you can get up and walk into another room, close the door, and de-stress.

Unfortunately, we dogs do not have the option to close the door behind us, so instead we need you as the human to give us a place we can get away! It doesn't have to be fancy, it can be as simple as our dog bed, our crate, or better still, both.

This is really important when you have children in the home! The big job comes in teaching yourself, and especially your children, NOT to bother us when we are in our safe place!! We cannot say, "Go away, you are annoying me or you are hurting me." All we can do is growl or get up and move!

Sadly, so many times when we give warning signs, you or your children do not listen and the result is we bite or snap and you say it is all our fault. NO IT ISN'T! If we are trying to tell you get out of our face and leave us alone, LISTEN! Walk away and leave the dog alone!

Do not let your children lay on our bed when we are resting. If I want to snuggle with the child I will seek the child out and lay with them! I am also NOT the child's pillow. We see on TV that they make pillows just for humans to rest their heads on so make sure your child uses them instead of me! Trust me it will not be cute when the child or you are bitten and are en route to the emergency room.

Please, for Dog sake, remember to give us dogs a safe place! Remember to listen and PAY ATTENTION when we tell you to "...get out of my face and leave me alone!"

Until we learn to talk human, YOU, the human, need to be our guardian and supervise your children, and give us a safe place. Be a good role model and teach your children to respect us when we are in our safe place. And that respect extends to not only your children but visiting children and friends. They all need to stay out of our safe place! Humans expect us to respect our families but we need to be respected, too.

Find more educational articles in "Canines & Humans" at <https://www.hhdane.com/caninehuman/caninehuman.htm>

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for the SPAY
and NEUTER
of all pets.
There aren't
enough
homes for
them all!

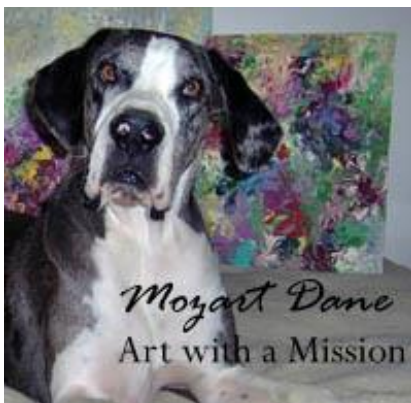
Mozart's Mission @ HHGDR

To our newer adopters who may not have been introduced, meet MOZART DANE (2004-2016)! Mozart came to HHGDR a product of an Amish puppy mill, by way of the Buckeye Dog Auction.

Mozart became the Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue Spokesdog, an advocate for homeless dogs and against abuse, puppy mills, and pet stores that sell puppies from mills and backyard breeders.

Mozart has now gone to the Rainbow Bridge, but he left behind more than 400 paw painted acrylic paintings. Only 31 paintings remain for sale, and you can see them at <https://hhdane.com/mozart>. They are a beautiful addition to your home and gift certificates and layaway are available for gifting.

Painting was therapeutic in helping Mo overcome the pain of his early days in a puppy mill and his legacy helps bring awareness to the issues of animal abuse and puppy mills.



You can follow Mozart on Facebook at Mozart's Mission at HHGDR at [face-book.com/MozartDane](https://www.facebook.com/MozartDane).



Nothing in Paw-ticular by MOZART DANE. 18x24" \$150.

Sunrise in the Su-Mo-rtime by MOZART DANE. 8x10", acrylic on canvas. \$65.



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

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

Donors and Sponsors—Thank You!



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		James Sparling, in honor of Justin Goff
		Brian & Barbara Spatz



Memorials— Our Deepest Sympathy

MEA—Monika Dail
YOLKA—Pookie Kostuk
Nancy Marconett



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 Wisdom Keepers, in honor of Justin Goff
 Rex Wisehart, in honor of Justin Goff
 Holly Witte
 Judy & Tom Yacks

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

Recent Adoption—Congrats!

VIDAL (DANE) & Justin Gibbs. See their Success Story at <https://www.hhdane.com/success/vidal.htm>



Our Wish List

- DOGS**
 Bedding: fitted sheets (all sizes); Crocheted or knitted afghans and throws
 Beds by Kuranda ([use this link](#))
 Dog toys/chews* (See Letter to Santa)
 Dog treats*
 Ear cleaner
 Money for dog food, vet bills, supplies, utilities
- CLEANING**
 Cleaning products (bleach, disinfectant (Lysol or other), dish soap (hand/dishwasher), laundry soap, Simple Green)
 Deck/siding scrub brushes
 Garbage bags (15–20 & 55 gal.)
 Mops: buckets (commercial with wringers); Mop heads (commercial type)
- Paper towels
OFFICE & BUILDING SUPPLIES
 Fans (20")
 Gravel for grounds
 Pooper scoopers (large scoop 9.5x10x38" & spade style)
 Rugs: throw rugs & floor mats
 Stamps
 Tape (duct & packing)
- SPECIAL**
 Gift certificates to stores (pet, grocery, dept)
 Medical supplies for humans
 Soft drinks or bottled water for volunteers
- For most current Wish List, see [website](#). Remember all donations are tax deductible and all go directly to the dogs! We have no paid employees—all are volunteers!!*

Help 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, or even a family group.



Email photos to info@hhdane.com or mail through the US Postal Service and we will scan for you. If you want the photo 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 <https://hhdane.com/tree/tree.htm>.

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**Happy Holidays
from our adopta-
ble dogs!**
