



HHGDR Newsletter

Dear Santa from the Homeless Dogs at Rescue

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- 12 dogs in need of homes
- 6 Sanctuary Dogs
- HHGDR has adopted out 1607 dogs/horses
- FAQ at hhdane.org/faq/faqmain.htm

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Since your workshop at the North Pole is magical, we hope that you, Mrs. Claus, and all your elves have stayed safe during this pandemic. We also hope you have not had a shortage of needed supplies for making toys and baking treats!

We see how things are here in Ohio, and know that Grandma and our volunteers worry when we cannot find some of the items we rely on—like green beans for those of us who need to control our weight, and over the coun-

ter medications and nutraceuticals.

Being homeless without a real family we are always excited to experience the feeling of waking up on Christmas morning with Christmas surprises like toys and treats. Your elves are incredibly good at finding toys that are just the right size for us and equally strong, so that they will last for more than a few weeks and Grandma won't have to worry about us eating them and causing a blockage. Size appropriate toys are cheaper than surgery!

And please don't forget our pint-sized pals either, putting a few smaller sized toys and treats in your sack. Mrs. Claus's treats are YUM!! Besides being delicious, they are also good for helping us focus during training. We are so grateful for your generosity! Grandma and our volunteers are always telling us that we are very good dogs, so we hope you see that note next to our names on your list.

The toys you brought us last Christmas are well loved and well worn. And some of us have never known what it's like to have toys. As you know, Santa,

TRUCK spent his earlier life fending for himself at a truck stop relying on the kindness of strangers. And it's very likely that WYNTER was a puppy mill dog.

Those of us that once had a home and the love of a family hope to feel Christmas morning excitement all over again. We know you have a generous heart, Santa, so our paws are crossed.

Santa, you know that, as orphans, our first wish is always to find forever homes, we are also smart enough to know that not all of us will find a forever home this year, especially the senior or less than perfect dogs among us who are often overlooked.

And this year, the impact of the pandemic has caused more dogs to be abandoned and they join us with medical conditions their owners couldn't afford to treat.

We will be thankful for anything you bring us. 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 grandkids because they are not sure

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VANNA MAE will soon be ready for adoption as her leg heals! Her story: https://hhdane.com/danes/vanna_mae.htm

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.



2020 Holiday Toy Wish List



Toys

- * Antlers: Elk (see link)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Kong: Classic Kongs / Tugga Wubbas / Rope Tugga Wubbas / Wubbas (all large/XL)
- * Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz / Bad Cuz (large) / 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>

Dear Santa *continued*

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 also promise not to drool too much on Grandma's keyboard this year.

Thank you very much, Santa, for reading our letter 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. 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



Memorials

COOPER—Robin McKell & JJ Clark

DEKKER—John Mulligan

ELDEN—Amy & Dustin Young

FRANK—Mary Beth Gettins & Sydney Sauerbraun

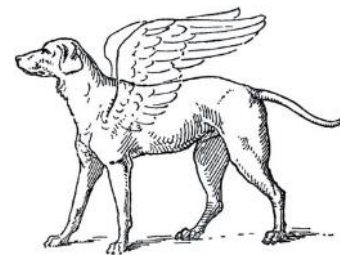
ISIS—Tuja Stuard

JASPER aka NEWMAN—Annette Condon

PIPPA—Andy & Wendi Beauseau

Randy Ware—Rebecca Ware

VICTOR—Beth Mack



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 **1,607** dogs and horses in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Ken-

tucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 12 dogs 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 condi-

tions). In 2019, HHGDR spent more than \$12,500 on vet bills alone. *Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.*

Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.

Rescue is Continuing COVID-19 Precautions

When our Ohio Governor gave us the green light to reopen last May, the Directors of Harlequin Haven developed a stringent plan to reopen safely for our adopters and our volunteers.

Besides the standard protocol for masks, social distance, and disinfecting, summer weather gave us the added benefit of open-air viewings and adoptions. Our appointments ran smoothly and some of our pups found their forever homes! Despite questioning our dogs' reactions to our masks, they adjusted better to seeing them than we did wearing them!

We have been lucky with our recent fall weather but have ramped up our procedures as we face winter. While volunteers continue to perform their weekly duties under CDC guidance, we will continue our policy of closing our building to the public. We have increased the comfort of our tent appointments by adding sides to the tent and a heater.

Tables/chairs are disinfected before and after each appointment. We require masks, social distancing, temperatures on arrival, a quick review of visitors' potential for exposure, and provide hand sanitizer. And all awareness events continue to be canceled until further notice.

We continue to depend on your help in meeting

our needs at HHGDR. Empty grocery shelves are once again the norm but our dogs' needs remain constant. With cold weather cutting into outdoor activity, green beans are necessary to control weight. All dogs are groomed monthly so cotton balls are appreciated.

Just like people, our dogs have their favorite treats and biscuits, and some dogs have different nutritional needs. Additionally, several recent intakes with medical needs are putting a strain on our medical supplies. Gift cards to retailers like Chewy would help meet their specific needs.

Our Harlequin Haven family has been incredibly supportive as we cope with the changes COVID-19 has brought to all our lives.

We want you to know that we appreciate you!

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Adoptable WANDA is a good sport, modeling proper mask wearing!

See her story at <https://hhdane.com/danes/wanda.htm>



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



Recent Adoptions—Big Congrats!

- LEON—Amy & Dustin Young
- LULU—Erika & Sylvain Marsillac
- RANGER—Craig Yacks
- RIPLEY—Kenneth Kline
- TERRANCE—Amy & Seth Walton

Volunteers—It Wouldn't Happen Without You!

Awareness Events by City: Postponed

We are unsure when events will start back up again. Please check the website for dates at <https://hdane.com/events/events.htm>.

Mingle with Our Mutts

- Dayton (Montgomery Co. Animal Resource Center)

Moochie & Co

- Columbus (Polaris Mall)

Petsmart

- Cincinnati (Western Hills)
- Columbus (Easton)

Pet People

- Rocky River (River Common)

Pet Valu

- Westerville



Long-time volunteer Beth Sedlock and adoptable SILAS visit on the Rescue office couch. (SILAS mask on for pic only!)

Volunteer Roll

Wendi, Andy, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau	Kathy Marsh
Jason Brown	Brad Mathews
Janet Carleton	Moira McCarthy
Don Corsmeier	Christe McGarry
Gina Crain	Naomi & Bella Merino
Monika Dail	Amanda Owen
Ken & Kelly Eiker	David Scott
Dale Francis	Beth Sedlock
Jim Frenelle	Sandra Seidman
William Gentry	Barbara & Brian Spatz
Mary Beth Gettins	Becki Ware
Melinda & Tim Goings	Marsha Wheeler
Steve & Kim Grubich	Jo Williams
Doug & Mary Hull	Mike Winters
Ed Luksic	Chris Yacks
Beth Mack	Judy & Tom Yacks
	Attorney: Mary Beth Gettins

RIP Randy Ware

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to one of our volunteers in the Cleveland area. Randy Ware has been doing awareness days for Harlequin Haven for many years and will be greatly missed.

Randy died from complications from the coronavirus. Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Wish List

DOGS

- Bedding: fitted sheets (all sizes); Crocheted or knitted afghans and throws
- Dog food, premium
- Dog toys/chews & treats
- Green beans
- Medical supplies
- 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

- Gravel for grounds
- Rugs: throw rugs & floor mats

SPECIAL

- Gift certificates to stores (pet, grocery, dept)
- Medical supplies for humans
- Soft drinks/bottled water for volunteers

For most current Wish List, [see website.](#)

Virtual Dog Training—by Judy Yacks

Schools are doing it...businesses are doing it...now your dog can do it...virtual dog training.

While we have seen online dog training videos available from multiple sources, the difference is that, like schools and businesses, your pup can participate in virtual training via videoconferencing.

Like the teacher/student model, dog training has traditionally focused on in-person trainer/pet or trainer/pet/owner interactions. But COVID-19 has interfered with access to dog training, and when you consider situations like a puppy who is rapidly moving through developmental stages or the training of a newly adopted pet/guardian team who needs to avoid establishing or reinforcing bad habits, virtual training could be a viable alternative.

Consider:

- * An owner is more likely to keep the commitment to a videoconference training session than a video or YouTube.
- * You are the person doing the hands-on training, forming the bond, and establishing a healthy relationship.
- * Dog training in a class taught in a facility can be distracting. It is true that the distractions offer an opportunity for the dog to learn to focus on its owner, but the calm of a home environment can ease the fear or aggression some dogs exhibit. And because your



DARYL, HHGDR Sanctuary Dane, models virtual training.

dog's focus, and probably yours, is better, progress is quicker.

- * Your entire family can participate in the virtual training and hear firsthand the trainer's suggestions and corrections.

Just be sure to use the same diligence you would use when selecting any trainer. And look for one who will follow up either by phone calls or texts with tips. Perhaps this will be another good idea that will continue long after COVID-19 disappears.

#GivingTuesday2020 - Tuesday 12/1

#GivingTuesday is almost here! December 1st is the biggest day of the year to give back! We know times are tough, but if you are able to donate, please consider Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue, a 501(c)3 charity, in your plans to give on #GivingTuesday2020.

This year we will be raising money for much needed new steel doors for our facility, which will cost \$2,500.

No donation is too small, so please consider the Danes this #GivingTuesday!

Visit our [Facebook Page](#) to make a contribution to our campaign on #GivingTuesday .



Thank you for your support, Dale & the Danes!

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.org. 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.

Don't forget to renew your Ohio dog license!



Donors and Sponsors—Thank You!



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*Thank you for all
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and small! We
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the dogs without
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**Happy Holidays
from our adoptable
dogs!**
