




HHGDR Newsletter

Happy Tails—Recent Adoptions


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- 11 dogs in need of forever homes
- 7 Sanctuary Dogs
- HHGDR has adopted out 1611 dogs/horses
- FAQ at hhdane.org/faq/faqmain.htm


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We LOVE our adopters!

DEWEY—Erin & Stephen Smith

SILAS—Wendi & Andy Beauseau

WYNTER—Mary Beth Gettins & Sidney Sauerbrunn

See our Success Stories page for lots of GREAT stories at

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



ASK RIVA—Wisdom from a Rescue Dog

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.

Dear Riva,

I've had great luck with invisible fences—why aren't they acceptable to HHGDR?

Many dogs show up every day in animal shelters wearing invisible fence collars, proving that this is not always a safe type of fence.

Invisible fences do not work when the electricity is out, also the fence can malfunction and the owner may not be aware the fence is broken. Once a dog has learned it can go through the fence they will not stop. It is also has a high rate of causing dog aggression due to people teasing the dog to watch the dog get shocked. The electronic fence offers no protection from theft or an attacking dog. See our page on [acceptable fences](#).

Dear Riva,

Why do all family members and dogs living in the household need to come to meet the Rescue dogs?

Dogs have distinct personalities, just like people. We have had occasions where dogs that love everyone do not like an existing family dog; we have also had cases where the current family dog doesn't get along with one of our dogs (although in either case, the family dog will get along with another Rescue dog). Likewise, some people realize after meeting the dogs that one may not quite fit what they were expecting from the picture ("perky," "laid back," etc.) and will not fit in with their family routine.

We ask that your family and dog come on



the FIRST visit, and subsequent pre-adoption visits (if necessary), so that our volunteers and your family (including your dogs) can evaluate how a Rescue dog will react in your home.

We **don't** allow the first visit with a dog or a family member to be the day of adoption. We spend time grooming the dogs and getting them ready for their big day (yes, we tell them they're going home, and they understand). After all of the excitement building up to the adoption if a family member or existing dog doesn't like the Rescue dog, it can cause depression in an already homeless dog.

Please understand, this is all done not to inconvenience you, but to protect and provide the best environment for the dogs at Rescue, both during your visit and if they make your home their forever home.

See more in our FAQ at <https://hhdane.com/faq/faqmain.htm>

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 1,611 dogs and horses in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio and ex-

treme northern Kentucky. Currently 11 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 conditions). 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.

COVID-19 Impact at the Rescue—March Update By Judy Yacks

We want you to know that here at HHGDR, we will continue to follow the Ohio recommendations for best practice in managing COVID-19.

Many of our volunteers have received COVID-19 vaccinations, and we are open for volunteers, viewing, and adoptions. We have had some rather chilly visits with our potential adopters as we met under a tent outside during the cold weather—and we are certainly looking forward to the milder temperatures that come with spring.

We will continue to practice our safety protocol:

- When an appointment is scheduled, the potential adopter will be asked questions related to their potential exposure to COVID-19, and the same questions are asked again in a phone call the night before their visit.
- Before entering the premises, temperatures are taken with a no-touch thermometer.



HHGDR supports spay and neuter for all pets—
There are not enough homes for them all!

- We will continue to wear masks. Since all viewings of dogs are outside, visitors are requested, but not required to wear masks as well.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes are available.

Items are slowly returning to the grocery shelves, but supplies of some of our usual supplemental food items are still limited—including green beans for our “chunky monkeys,” potted meat, and Vienna sausages (plain and BBQ) to hide medications.

Our rigorous cleaning of the building continues, so cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, and bleach are always needed. Donations are always welcomed and appreciated.

We are so grateful for your support during these trying pandemic times. We know that the impact of COVID-19 has affected all of you as well. With you, we look forward to a return to normal living and Rescue operation.

★ Calling Facebook & Instagram Stars ★

We would love pictures and videos of our adopted dogs for our social media pages!

Send your pics and we can show the world how happy your Rescue Dane is!

Please send them to dale@hhdane.com.

Spring Safety Reminders—No Heads Out Car Windows! By Judy Yacks

There is no question that after a long lockdown, and more snow than usual this winter, we are ready to break out of our confinement and take our pups along with us.

Of course, spring brings the usual cautions for toxic weeds and plants, including mushrooms. We need to be cautious about lawn fertilizers and poisons. And we need to make sure we have preventative for heartworm, fleas, and ticks. Being sure your leashes and collars are in good condition is also important.

But there is an *especially* important safety caution that needs a reminder to insure a safe car ride for your pet. Be aware that while your pups love to smell the smells and inhale the fresh air, be sure they cannot push their head through the window opening. Lurking outside the window are signs, mailboxes, close cars, and shrubbery, any of which could seriously injure or worse, kill your dog.

Enjoy your car time and travel with your dog, but practice safety first!



Volunteers...

Perform all tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff. Some tasks require visiting the Rescue, many others do not.

We are *especially* looking for volunteers to come to the Rescue in Bethel, Ohio, on weekends to help with cleaning, grooming, and appointments.

HHGDR would love to put you to work helping the homeless dogs! Send an email to info@hhdane.org today for a volunteer application!

Postponed...

Our Awareness Events by City

We are unsure when events will start back up again. Please check the website for dates at <https://hhdane.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 Valu

- Westerville

Volunteer Roll

Wendi, Andy, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau

Jason Brown

Janet Carleton

Don Corsmeier

Gina Crain

Monika Dail

Dale Francis

Jim Frenelle

William Gentry

Mary Beth Gettins

Melinda & Tim Goings

Steve & Kim Grubich

Ed Luksic

Beth Mack

Kathy Marsh

Brad Mathews

Christe McGarry

Bella Merino

Kelly & Mark Merino

Naomi Merino

Lou Mondok

Amanda Owen

David Scott

Beth Sedlock

Sandra Seidman

Mary Simon

Barbara & Brian Spatz

Becky Ware

Marsha Wheeler

Mike Winters

Chris Yacks

Judy & Tom Yacks

Attorney: Mary Beth Gettins

Yay for Our Volunteers!



← We are now offering *upcycled* feed bag tote bags handcrafted with love by a dedicated volunteer. Sizes and pictures vary. Your choice, and supplies are limited. Email info@hhdane.org prior to paying to be sure of availability. \$10, plus shipping.

Find them at <http://hhdane.com/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm>

Thank You Santa!

Dear Santa,

Thank you so very, very much, Santa, for all the wonderful gifts and treats you delivered to us again this year!! To be honest with the Pandemic and such we did not expect anything!! As you know, some of us have never had a Christmas before, let alone received all the wonderful gifts and treats we found again this Christmas! Some of the dogs lives have been such that they really did not believe in you! Thank you Santa for showing them that you do exist but even more that you care about all of us no matter what breed, color or sex!

We want to say a special thank you for the smelly chew toys and treats for AUBREY. Although we are sure at one time she loved all toys right now she needs things she can smell in order for her to find them. And Santa, please keep AUBREY in your prayers she is struggling being blind and she is such a sweet little lady. We also want to thank you for remembering WYNTER, JAZZY, and the other little dogs that live here!

Hopefully, all of the dogs available for adoption will have the ultimate gift in the New Year and receive forever homes!! That is really all they wanted this year but, hey, toys and treats are a close second!

We would like just one more gift please and yes we ask for this every year, Santa, that people stop buying puppies from backyard breeders, pet stores, and any breeder that is not responsible for the puppies they breed, for the entire life of that puppy! Yes we asked for this last year and we will continue to ask until people stop buying and adopt the homeless!

On Christmas, while we were playing with our new toys, we heard Grandma's frustration as she had to again talk to someone who wanted to bring their Dane to the Rescue—they had got-

ten a new puppy and no longer wanted last year's Christmas puppy!!

This Christmas Grandma had more than 20 calls from people wanting to dump their dogs! We hope that owners become more responsible and train their puppies/dogs. A trained dog is a good dog!! People need to realize that puppies are puppies no matter what breed. Puppies chew, puppies tear things up... the difference is a Dane puppy does more damage than a Chihuahua puppy!! We are dismayed when we hear from someone who is surrendering their dog that a 1-year-old Dane was not a Gentle Giant like the book said!! REALLY PEOPLE, do you believe everything you read? I am sure they do after all they saw it on the internet!!

Oops, sorry about our rant!! We cannot believe how lucky we all were to all receive several toys each plus tons of Christmas cookies and chews. We know that you realize that some of us have enjoyed your Christmas gifts here at the Rescue for several years now and we also know that the Rescue will be the forever home for some of us. But because of you, we all do believe that dreams can come true. You made this Christmas special for all the homeless dogs at the Rescue!! We greatly appreciate all you have done for us again this year.

Santa, please let all the wonderful people who donated to support the Rescue throughout the year, as well as this holiday season, know how much we appreciate them. Without their generosity the Rescue would not have been able to afford to save many of us. We don't want anyone to think we do not appreciate what they do for us, because without them, there would be no Rescue for us and the many dogs to come in 2021.

Hugs & Slobbers & Love from All at HHGDR

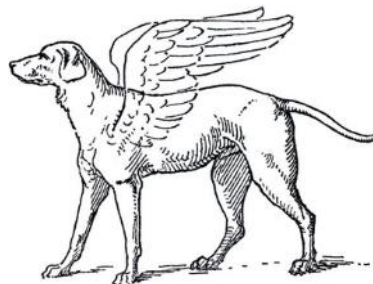
**Thank you
for
supporting
the dogs!**

**We couldn't
do it without
you!**

Memorials—Shared Sorrow

BABY GIRL—Mark & Kelly Merino
 BROGAN—TJay Spencer & Jeffrey Wilkerson
 CHLOE—Jane & Ken Dickinson
 FELIX—Tom Mattingly & Jonathan Williams
 HALLEE—Beth & Mike Sedlock

KALISTA—Michelle Petrel & the Petrel family
 KATIE—Marilyn Staup
 ROSIE—Sarah Hegner
 RYLEE—Anne Gillespie
 WARREN—Lisa & Rodney Harrison



Donors and Sponsors—Thank You From the Depths of Our Hearts!

Amy Adams	Monika Dail	Sean Harshman, for NICHOLAS	Lynette Martin
Kathy Amrein	Phyllis Dawkins	Regina Holbert	Thomas Mattingly
Anonymous	Alec Deitz, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday	Michael & Shiloh Holleran, for PRISCILLA	Sue Mayer, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday
Andy & Amy Bailey, in loving memory of SCOOPY FRAME	Janet Dickinson	Homan Foundation, in honor of Holly Witte	Sara & Kevin McDaniel
John Barry, in memory of William Robertson	M. Ayo Dihoff, in honor of TA Arnold's birthday	Hailey Householder	Christe McGarry, for WANDA
Gail Baumoeel	Michelle Downing	Householder Family	Linda McGarry, for WANDA
Jennifer & Tony Bavry	Jessica & Bobby Dumchus, in loving memory of JIMMY	Holly Houser	Kathleen McGuire
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Gayle Browning	James Frenelle	Pamella Kassner	David Nassau, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday
Linda Buirley, for WANDA	Mary Beth Gettins	Ellen Kaufman	Matthew O'Brien, in honor of TA Arnold's birthday
Laura Bunjevack	Gettins Law	Mackenzie Keener	Pat Patterson, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday
Mary Butts	Rezvaneh Ghazvini, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birth- day	Norma & Daniel Kirkpatrick	PayPal giving fund
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Annette Condon	Justin Goff	Kevin Lackey	Joyce Pleva
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Donald Corsmeier	Great Dane Club of America	Sarah Lazzara	Laura Prisco
Mame & Craig Corson	Lynn Greer, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday	Mark Leever	Amy Raines, in honor of Beth Sedlock
Beth Cortolillo-Gummere, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday	Conrad Gregor, donation in lieu of favors, for our wedding on 12/11/20	Barbara Lewis	James Ramos
Country Lane Kennel, in lov- ing memory of SCOOPY FRAME	Randal Gross	Beth & Todd Lukemire, in loving memory of HUTCH	Hannah Rastopsoff
Andrea & Bill Cozza	Stephen & Kimberly Grubich	Ed Luksic	Kimberly Reed
Gina Crain	Meghan Hamilton, in honor of TA Arnold's birthday	Marya Lycopersicon, in hon- or of TA Arnold's birth- day	Rescue Bank
John Cummings, in honor of TA Arnold's birthday	Rodney & Lisa Harrison, in loving memory of Warren	Anne & Peter Lymber	Daina Rice, donation in lieu of favors, for our wed- ding on 12/11/20
Sue Cummins		Elzabé Müller	Cindy Roberts, in honor of Beth Sedlock
Camilla Curren, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday		Sydnee Malott	Peggy Roberts
Cheryl Daigle		Erika & Sylvain Marsillac	Racheal Rollyson

Donors and Sponsors—continued

Nathan, Racheal, Angel & Syrin Rollyson	Heather Walden, in honor of TA Arnold's birthday
Rylee-Ann Romero	Niki Walker
Karla Rothan, in honor of Lynn Wallich's birthday	Lynn Wallich
Bari Rutherford	Walmart
Sidney Sauerbrunn	Kathleen & James Walmsley
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Erin & Stephen Smith	April Weatherman Wang
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Sandia Sommer	Tedd & Sandra Wilcox
Brian & Barbara Spatz	Jeffrey Wilkerson, in loving memory of BROGAN
TJ Spencer, in loving memory of BROGAN	Jo & Ken Williams
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Howard Stewart	Holly Witte
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Ann-Marie Stuart	Craig Yacks
Anne Till	Judy & Tom Yacks
Diana Tucker	Timothy Yacks
United Pet Fund	Amy & Dustin Young, for WANDA
Gabriel & Sonja Venzin	
Kerrie Vogels, in honor of an amazing mentor William E. Redmond	
Neal Voorde	

Ready for Adoption!

OLISA



OLISA had been adopted but her family returned her after their human baby began toddling.

While away from the Rescue OLISA put on a few too many pounds. She is eating lots of green beans for filler and trying to lose, but it is not easy!

She would love to continue her "weight loss journey" in her new forever home—it is yours?

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

PRISCILLA



PRISCILLA is both deaf and sight impaired and needs a home with another dog to guide her for seeing/hearing.

She loves to snuggle and play, but needs it to be with larger animals. Can you be her new forever home?

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

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Our Wish List

DOGS

Bedding: fitted sheets (all sizes); Crocheted or knitted afghans and throws
 Chicken, potted meats, canned and premium canned dog food
 Dog toys/chews*
 Dog treats*

Ear cleaner
 Green beans, canned
 Money for dog food, vet bills, supplies, utilities
CLEANING
 Cleaning products (bleach, disinfectant (Lysol or other), dish soap (hand and 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

**For most current Wish List and specifics, please see website.*

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See how to adopt on the website, and
read the dogs' stories at

<https://hhdane.com/danes/1danelist.htm>

