



HHGDR Newsletter

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- 6 dogs in need of forever homes
- 8 Sanctuary Dogs
- HHGDR has adopted out 1637 dogs/horses
- FAQ at hhdane.com/faq/faqmain.htm



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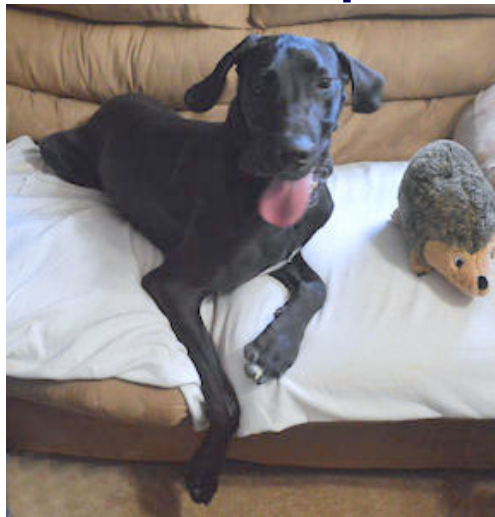
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Featured Adoptable Dog: ASHER



When my owners no longer wanted me, they took me to SPCA Cincinnati and tied

me to the gate and left me!

The next morning when the shelter workers showed up, they contacted Cincinnati Animal Care so I could serve my stray time. When my stray time was up the shelter contacted HHGDR to come for me. Within hours I was here at the Rescue, where I have a safe warm bed, plenty to eat, and lots of toys!

I am just over one year old now. I love to play, but I've been working hard on my manners! I am a smaller boy so if you do not want a big Dane I may just be the one for you! Forever home, where are you?

See more about me at <https://hhdane.com/danes/asher.htm>

PIGGEST RAFFLE EVER! 2023

Adopt a "pig" in the Piggest Raffle Ever for 3 chances to win on Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon weekend. Tickets will be drawn on Sunday, May 7. Need not be present to win.

Pigs are \$5 and the entire \$5 goes to the charity of your choice. If your adopted pig is selected, you could win big!

Grand Prize is \$10,000 cash (half to winning ticket holder and half to charity who sold ticket); **2nd Prize is \$5,000 cash** (half to winning ticket holder and half to charity who sold ticket); **3rd Prize is Cincinnati Get-Away Experience** (\$1,500 in vouchers).

Every purchase helps a charity.

Choose HHGDR from the menu and we get the \$5. The Rescue has sold 2 winning tickets in the past several years—this year it could be you!

Just go to <https://piggestraffleever.com/>, and be sure to pick HHGDR. We thank you!



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.

Dear Riva,

Q. Where do the Rescue's dogs come from?

A. Our dogs mainly come from animal shelters where they have been picked up as strays, and also directly from individual owners who can no longer care for their dogs (called "owner surrenders").

Q. Do they have their shots?

A. All vaccinations are given including rabies and lyme. The dogs have also been wormed, heartworm checked, and placed on heartworm preventative.

Q. My last Dane was perfect—can I get another one just like him?

A. Probably not, there are few perfect dogs or people in this world. But any dog can be the perfect companion if you take time and train him/her!



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

Our General Wish List

Top needs

- * Green Beans
- * Premium Dog food
- * Dog treats
- * Dog toys (Hard boiled softie, JW baseballs, Cuz & JW Bowling Pins, Wubba's, Hartz Football)
- * Elk antlers (extra large or mammoth)

For the most current Wish List and specifics, please see <https://hhdane.com/howtohelp/wishlist.htm>

Chewy Wish List

You asked, so we now have a Wish List on Chewy at https://www.chewy.com/g/harlequin-haven-great-dane-rescue_b98756857.

Take a look! There are toys, foods, and more to choose from to support the dogs.



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.

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 1,637 dogs and horses in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio and extreme northern Kentucky. Currently 6 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 2021, HHGDR spent more than \$19,750 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.

Prepare Your Pets for Disasters, Resources from Ready.gov

Between severe weather and chemical spills, we should all be prepared to evacuate or shelter in place with our pets. Below are some tips from Ready.gov.

Make a Plan

- Have an **evacuation plan** for your pet. Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside. Know a safe place where you can take your pets before disasters and emergencies happen.
- Develop a **buddy system**. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- Have your pet **microchipped**. Make sure to keep your address and phone number up-to-date and include contact information for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- **Contact** your local emergency management office, animal shelter or animal control office to get additional advice and information if you're unsure how to care for your pet in case of an emergency.

Build a Kit for Your Pet

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, such as food and water. Have two kits, one larger kit if you are sheltering in place and one lightweight version for if you need to evacuate. Review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

Here are some items you may want to include in an emergency kit for your pet:

- **Food.** Keep several days' supply of food in an

airtight, waterproof container.

- **Water.** Store a water bowl and several days' supply of water.
- **Medicine.** Keep an extra supply of the medicine your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- **First aid kit.** Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs.
- **Collar with ID tag** and a harness or leash. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag. Have copies of your pet's registration information and other **relevant documents** in a waterproof container and available electronically.
- **Traveling bag,** crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet.
- **Grooming items.** Pet shampoo, conditioner and other items, in case your pet needs some cleaning up.
- **Sanitation needs.** Include pet litter and litter box (if appropriate), newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.
- **A picture** of you and your pet together. If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet.
- **Familiar items.** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

More details and resources at <https://www.ready.gov/pets>, an official website of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Recent Adoption

FINN—Ed Firth & Cindy Orlasky

Finn (left) recently came back to the Rescue when his owner died and he had no family other than his Rescue family. Now he has a new forever home with Ed and Cindy!

See his Success Story at <https://hhdane.com/success/finn.htm>



*Thank you for
all donations
large and
small!*

*We could not
save the dogs
without you.*

Volunteers...

Perform all tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff. Some tasks require visiting the Rescue, 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!

Volunteer Roll

Wendi, Andy, Brenna & Aubrey
Beauseau

John Board

Jason Brown

Janet Carleton

Don Corsmeier

Ken Eiker

Jenn Flecksteiner

Dale Francis

Jim Frenelle

William Gentry

Mary Beth Gettins

Steve & Kim Grubich

Beth Mack

Kathy Marsh

Brad Mathews

Christe McGarry

Amanda Owen

Isabel Sauerbrunn

David Scott

Beth Sedlock

Barbara & Brian Spatz

Becky Ware

Jo Williams

Mike Winters

Judy & Tom Yacks

Attorney: Mary Beth Gettins

*Your name as a volunteer
here—email for an application!*

Sanctuary Dogs

In addition to our adoptable dogs., the Rescue houses Sanctuary Dogs living out their lives in the safe environment of the Rescue (unadoptable for health, age, or other conditions).

Current Sanctuary Dogs are: ARI, AUBREY, AXLE, DARIN, DARYL, FELINA, KALEA, and PENELOPE.

See their page at <https://hhdane.com/sanctuary/sanctuary.htm>

★ 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.

Memorials—Shared Sorrow

ELLIE MAE—Tom & Dale Bath

ERRICK aka KRAMER—Eric &
Leah Holtzapple

GRAY aka KALEB—Anna Vogt

KONA aka SIRI—Ted & Sandy
Wilcox

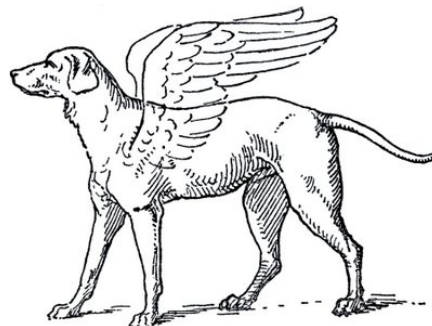
NED—Tom & Judy Yacks

PHILLIP—Kelly & Mark Meri-
no

THORNY ROSE aka KAILEY—
Holly Homan

TIBERIUS aka ETHAN—Janna
& Jeremy Hubbard

WILLOW—Ed, Sarah & Wally
Blouch



Thank You Santa!

Dear Santa,

Thank you so very much, Santa, for all the wonderful gifts and treats you delivered to us again this year!! Some of the Danes and other dogs have never had a Christmas before, let alone received all the gifts and treats we found on Christmas morning! Some even thought we were lying when we told them about you on Christmas Eve. But now, all know that you do exist!!

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, 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! On Christmas, while we were playing with our new toys, we heard Grandma's frustration as she talked to someone who wanted to bring their dog to the Rescue, they had gotten a new puppy and no longer wanted last year's Christmas puppy!!

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 one-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!!

People need to think before buying a puppy and then immediately start a family, only to dump their puppy. Are they going to dump their first child when they have a second child? And don't forget the owners who dump their dogs because the new man or woman in their lives tells them it is either the dog or them. Well, it shouldn't be the DOG! Any person that gives you that ultimatum is toxic and should be dumped ASAP!

People need to think before adding a dog to their homes--are they willing to do whatever it takes to keep that puppy/dog for 10-15 years?

Oops, sorry about our rant!! We cannot believe how lucky we all were to all receive several toys each plus tons of holiday cookies and chews. We know that you realize that some of us have



Adoptable BRIE poses with toys.

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

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 2023.

Hugs & Slobbers & Love from All at HHGDR



Thank you
for
supporting
the dogs!

We couldn't
do it without
you!

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

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- Lori Winkler
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- Craig Yacks
- Judy & Tom Yacks

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Recent Adoption

SHARONA—Marilyn Everhart

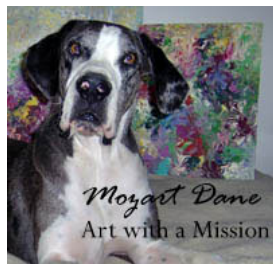
SHARONA had several homes in her short life—too many to remember. Her last two were a county animal shelter, and then a nice young couple who lived in a small apartment and were going full time to college and working full time. Then they spilt up, and she was sent to Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue.

Now she has a forever home with her new mom and 2 sibs!

See her Success Story at <https://hhdane.com/success/sharona.htm>



MOZART DANE, Artist



MOZART DANE, artist, was purchased at the Ohio Amish Dog Auction but was discarded soon after at a county dog pound.

MOZART'S paw-paintings raise much-needed funds for HHGDR, and many grace their buyers' homes. Of the more than 400 paintings originally created by Mozart, only about 25 of these beautiful one-of-a-kind art works remain available to be purchased.

While MOZART has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, his spirit lives on as he helps educate the public and bring attention to the plight of dogs who continue to languish in puppy mills.

See the **remaining paintings** available for purchase at https://hhdane.com/mozart/mozart_paintings.asp

See **Mozart's Mission Facebook** page at facebook.com/MozartDane



Budding Scarlet Paw-mpernel Flowers. Acrylic on canvas. 12x12", \$100.

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Adoptable BRYCE & BRYAN

The B&B boys came in together after being found running loose and starving in Cheviot, Ohio. Here are their updates!

BRYCE (right): Well, I have gained all my weight, I'm neutered, and I got a bunch of new toys from Santa—and life is great! NOW all I need is a forever home! Grandma says she can describe me in one word as “happy”! So if you want a happy boy you want to adopt me!

BRYAN (above): My hair is back, I've gained all my weight, I'm neutered, and NOW that Santa gave me a bunch of new toys I am playing every day with my toys! I am a very sweet and loving boy and just want a forever home that will love me as much as I will love them! Although I love BRYCE, if we do not get adopted together that is OK—we both just want to be happy! See <https://hhdane.com/danes/1danelist.htm>