

# Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

# Newsletter

# The Real Meaning of Rescue

Harlequin Haven is a Rescue in the true meaning of the word. It does not take in only the good looking dogs that most people think of when they picture a Great Dane or Saint Bernard. The Rescue takes in dogs which need to be rescued from abusive and intolerable living conditions.

**Bebe's** story was in the last issue of the newsletter. Remember, she was the one who had to have a rear leg amputated. Today Bebe is a happy, well adjusted Dane.

**Donny** had to have hip surgery and follow up therapy. His plight prompted the construction of the hydrotherapy pool which will be useful in helping other dogs in the future. Even though he has improved, Donny still has a long way to go. He will require more visits to the orthopedic surgeon, more vet bills to be paid.

Meeka is a Dane-Mastiff mix who came to the Rescue and was soon adopted. Unfortunately after only a short while, she blew both cranial cruciate ligaments. Her family could not afford the cost of the surgery to correct this condition, so she came back to the Rescue. We could have said "We can't afford it, either," and just put her out of her misery. We couldn't do that. Meeka has had her first surgery, and as soon as her doctor says she is ready, she will have the other knee repaired. By the way, Meeka will be using the hydrotherapy pool.

**Buddy** came to the Rescue when the Brown County Animal Control officers discovered him tied to a post with a plastic children's playhouse for shelter. However, his chain was so short that he couldn't even get into the playhouse.



This picture shows just how underweight Buddy was when he came to the Rescue. He also has deformed hind legs because he had HOD when he was a puppy.

Because he has been neglected and abused all his life, Buddy is terrified of everything and everybody, but with lots of food and TLC he is beginning to trust people. He will never become a handsome Dane, but with time and care he can become a very grateful and loving companion. Mick's story is a little different. He came to us from Guernsey County where he had been picked up wandering the roads. The volunteer who drove there to transport him was surprised to see that he was not a purebred Dane, but she was so shocked at his condition, she brought him in anyway.

Mick was so emaciated that each rib and vertebra was clearly visible. Later, after several visits to the vet and tests and X-Rays, it was determined that he has advanced lung cancer.

Mick will live whatever time he has left in a comfortable home with plenty of love and attention showered on him.

#### You Can Help

We are telling these stories to show the kind of work HHGDSBR is doing. This is just the tip of the iceberg. By the end of August we had spent over \$11,745 on vet bills. We still have unpaid veterinary expenses for spays, neuters, Xrays, lab tests and medications. Don't forget, there are more surgeries and treatments coming up for some of these dogs.

Please open your heart and send a donation or a sponsorship donation. The dogs are depending on you!

#### Canine Infirmary Next Project

A used RV has been donated to the Rescue, and the plans are to convert it into an infirmary for the dogs. This will provide a separate space for dogs who need peace and quiet following surgery or are ill and need special treatment. It will also provide an isolation area so that there is less risk of exposing the healthy dogs to possible infection.

The RV will have to be stripped down to make room for equipment and medical supplies. Water, gas and electricity will have to be hooked up to it, and it will need to be air conditioned. Colossal crates and Kuranda Dog Beds will be needed. A ramp will have to be built to make it easier to move a dog on a litter in and out.

You got it! This will take money. Help us to make this dream a reality. Remember the dogs like Bebe, Donny, and Meeka so that we can do an even better job of rescuing Danes and Saints who need our help.

### Sponsorship Another Way to Help

If you can't adopt a Great Dane or Saint Bernard, you can still help pay for the food, housing and medical expenses of one. Sponsoring a homeless dog is a great way to open your heart to one. You can sponsor a dog for yourself or as a gift or memorial to someone else.

When you sponsor a Dane or Saint, you will receive a certificate and your choice of an 8.5 x 11 letter and picture from your dog or a greeting card suitable for your type of sponsorship. We will also let you know when your dog as been adopted.

Send your name, address and type of sponsorship you want to:

#### HHGDSBR 11567 St. Rt. 774 Bethel, OH 45106-8634 Make checks payable to Harlequin Haven

For more information click on the <u>How to Help</u> link on our web page at www.hhdane.com.

### **A Reminder For Previous Adopters** Since you adopted from the Rescue

Have you moved? Are you going to move? Have you changed veterinarians? Has your e-mail address changed? Have you been sending copies of your vet records when you take your dog for his yearly exam and shots, and purchase heartworm preventive?

You can e-mail addresses and vet changes to *info@hhdane.com* or mail them to:

HHGDSBR 11567 State Route 774 Bethel, OH 45106-8634

Vet records and proof of heartworm preventive purchase should be mailed to the above address.

# **Recent Adoptions**

Cain	Amanda Fox
Carrie	Mark & Barbara Cisler
Baby	Derrick & Nicole Rahe
Allie	Michele Hughes
Garth	Sandia Sommer
Sammy	

Deena & Mark SnedegarToddMarian & Brian MeltonLillyKen & Kelly EikerLizziePaul EdenClydeJohn & Marilouise RothSampson

Chad & Debbie BerngesBurtVickie Dearth



#### I got adopted

C ongratulations! Keep in touch with us and let us know how things are going with your new family member. We love to get pictures and stories about our dogs. Knowing that we have placed a dog with a loving and caring family is what makes all the work worthwhile.

Be patient with your new dog while he is adjusting to a new environment and schedule. Put yourself in his place. How would you react if you were suddenly living in a different place with people that you just met?

If a problem does develop, no matter how small, please contact the Rescue. We have a network of people who have had many years of experience with Great Danes, and they are willing to share what they have learned. Remember it is easier to solve a small problem before it grows into a big one!

Honor Roll of Donors and Sponsors

Kathy Amrein Julie Archer Chris Arnold Thomas Arnold Dori Baker Bernie & Bob Ball Bark Park Dena M. Baylor Chihuahua Rescue & Transport (CRT), Inc. Chuck & Marcie Bayman in honor of our Great Dane, Arabian's, 4th birthday Wendi & Andy Beauseau Becky Bell Kristin Bell **Jill Blackstone Donald & Patricia Blum** Melody Brackney **Dennis Bruce** Marcia & John Burns Don & Susie Byrd Lawrence Carter Donna Cassidy Rachel Cawley Ray Chesnick Christine Vrooman & Pellegrino Ciccarello Barbara & Mark Cisler in memory of Nemo & Otis Jospeh & Kimberly Coffey Jamie Collingwood Annette & Robert Condon Joan Costello Katie & Nick Courtright Stephanie Curtis Jennifer Dodd Kelly & Ken Eiker Sasha Evans Donna Fanta Patti Floyd Amanda Fox **Thelma Goris** Russell Grigg

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If we have omitted your name, we sincerely apologize.

All donations are welcome and appreciated. There has been a varied assortment of donations such as cleaning supplies, Kuranda beds, concrete blocks, a treadmill, a swim vest and water toys for the new hydrotherapy pool, a room air conditioner, lumber for the fence, etc.

Donna and Wayne Fanta donated shares of stock again. This makes two such donations.

One woman sends in \$10 each month because that is what she has budgeted.

Louise Peterson donated an original sculpture to be auctioned on eBay.

Whatever it is, large or small, THANK YOU Remember! All donations are tax deductible

# Volunteering The True Spirit

C everal weeks ago I sent an De-mail to a volunteer thanking her for helping at an Awareness event. I would like to share with you an excerpt from her reply.

"It is because of my Great Dane that I volunteer to do things when I can. She has brought to us the sweet nature and loving qualities of her breed, along with the love for us that is from herself. The bond we created was so quick to form, and is so strong. Because of our love for her, we want to give back to the place which allowed us to have her. And because of our new found love for this magnificent breed, I want to help find forever homes for all the Nicoles, and Donnys, and Storms, and Cindys of the rescue."

How about you? Have you thought about volunteering, but the time was never right?

# **Volunteers**

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Scott Altenhoffen	Jake	05/26/01
Karen Althoff	Cody	03/01
Julia Archer	Simon	02/14/01
Dori Baker	Jax	02/01/01
Bob & Bernie Ball	Luke	09/00
Brian Ball	Davey	08/00
Rebecca Bell	Buddy	08/00
Joseph Bolin	Storm	08/31/97
Dick & Jeanine Burrell	Female Great Danes	
Karen & Meredith Callinan	Mya	10/03
Janet Carleton	Emmy Lou	08/03
Becky & John Cartmell	Alicia	01/03
Melissa & Chad Claridge	Duchess	11/13/02
Bob and Annette Condon with		
Lacie, Luke & Sam	Cindy	10/29/02
Mame & Craig Corson		
Katie & Nick Courtright	Ellie	10/02
Ken Dickinson	Leila	03/02
Jane Dickinson	Connie	08/01
Colleen Duffy	Joanie	10/00
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# **Adoption List**

As of Sept. 3, 2004, we have placed 1083 dogs in adoptive homes. There are, however, 36 Great Danes, 6 Mixes, 13 Saint Bernards, 1 Toy Rat Terrier, 1 Boxer, and 1 Chihuahua waiting for suitable homes..

A fenced yard is required to adopt a dog. Invisible or electric fences are not acceptable.

Male Great Danes					
Name	DOB	Comments			
Jynx	02/04	White, black markings, blue eyes, natural			
		ears, crooked tail. Not ready at this time.			
Dirk	01/04	Mantle, natural ears			
Mike	10/03	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Hershey	09/03	Black, white markings, natural ears. Not ready at this time.			
Alex	05/03	Black, natural ears			
Donny	02/03	Black, white markings, cropped ears Not ready at this time, recuperating from			
Colt	01/28/03	surgery Black, white markings, natural ears Breeder: Sherri Butcher			
Duke II	12/13/02	Merle, white markings, natural ears			
Ike	12/02	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Sean	12/02	Black, white markings, cropped ears			
Billy	11/02	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Andy	10/02	Merle, natural ears			
Chase	06/02	Mantle, natural ears			
Martin	07/13/01	Black, white markings, ears cropped but do not stand. Breeder: Pamela & Daryl Shonebarger			
Jake	05/26/01	Fawn, cropped ears			
Cody	03/01	Mantle, cropped ears-do not stand			
Simon	02/14/01	Fawn, natural ears			
Jax	02/01/01	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Luke	09/00	Fawn mantle, natural ears			
Davey	08/00	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Buddy	08/00	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Storm	08/31/97	Black, natural ears			
Female Great Danes					
Mya	10/03	Black, natural ears			
Emmy Lou	08/03	Harlequin, natural ears			
Alicia	01/03	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Duchess	11/13/02	Merle, white markings, natural ears Breeder: John M. & Billie Stockmaster			
Cindy	10/29/02	White, black markings, natural ears, 6 ft. fence required			
Ellie	10/02	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Leila	03/02	Black, white markings, natural ears			
Connie	08/02	Fawn, natural ears, 6 ft. fence required			
Joanie	10/00	Black, cropped ears			

Name	DOB	Comments	(volunteers continued)
Bebe	05/00	Harlequin, natural ears, rear leg	Jeanine Esposito
		amputated.	Nicole Falk & Fred Felter
Mystic	02/09/00	Black, white markings, natural ears	Karolyn & Jim Fernelle
Nicole	09/04/98	Merle, natural ears	Amanda Fox
Penny	09/99	Black, white markings, cropped ears, must	Dale Francis
		be adopted with Bo	Mary Beth Gettins
Saint Bernards-Males		Thelma Goris	
Barry	10/00	Rough coat	Randall Gross
Barney	02/00	Rough coat	Sean & Kate Halpin
Franky	02/00	Rouh coat, blue eyes	Jane Henery
Odie	12/99	Rough coat	Jon Jennings
Monty	11/99	Rough coat	Theresa & Brent Kraus
Mikey	05/99	Rough coat	Emily Kufner
Cass	09/96	Rough coat	Felicia Lewellen
Saint Berna	rds- Females		Nancy Marconett Katie Mark
Sandi	06/01	Rough coat	Tom Mattingly
Rosie	05/00	Rough coat	Christe McGarry
Tina	04/00	Rough coat	Andrea Orschell
Casey	04/00	Smooth coat	Lori Rader
Betty	05/99	Rough coat	Jenni Reinhart
Gracie	09/14/97	Rough coat	Sharon Reynolds
			Josephine Reigelsperger
Mixes-Males	5		Sandra Seidman
Sneak	05/02	Dane - Catahoula, merlequin	Lena Skov
Woody II	10/99	Dane - Lab, fawn	Phil Stover
Woody	02/03/99	Dane - Anatolian Shepherd, fawn. Must be	Jay Tarantino
-		adopted with Scarlet	Sonja, Gabriel & Anthony Venzin
Mixes-Fema	les	-	Christine Vrooman with Adam
Meeka	09/03/02	Dane - Mastiff, brindle, not ready	Kathy Walmsley
Dana	12/99	Dane - Mastiff, black, white markings	John & Melodie Whitacre
Scarlet	02/03/99	Dane - Anatolian Shepherd, fawn. must be	Jeff and Betty Whittington
		adopted with Woody	Pam & Don Wolfe
			with Robin & Jason
<b>Other Pureb</b>	oreds		Judy Yacks
Males			Amy & Dustin Young
Jasper	11/23/00	Chihuahua, Breeder: Deanna Jo Cobb	Attorneys
Bo	06/00	Boxer, must be adopted with Penny	Greg Ruehlmann
Females			Timothy Smith
Buffy Jo	01/01	Toy Rat Terrier	Mary Beth Gettins
			Mary Doth Coulins
The Miracle of Birth			Veterinarians
			Dan Meakin
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"I want my children to see the miracle of birth, then we will have her spayed." How many times have you heard someone say that?

The family picked out a breed of dog they thought was awesome. It looked so cute on TV! Who cared if it would fit into their life-style. They watched the classified ads and finally found a litter of puppies advertised for sale. The breeder was contacted and arrangements were made to see the pups.

Lee Schrader

Steve Schrader

Janet Carleton

**Computer Consultant** 

"Aren't they cute!" the kids squealed. After some squabbling a puppy was picked out and bought. (continued on page 6)

Thank You One and All  $_5$ 



Sharon Reynolds and Thelma Goris

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They named her Pansy after their favorite flower.

The new owners did everything right for the first few weeks. They took Pansy to the vet for all her shots, but when the vet asked if they wanted to make an appointment to have her spayed, they said, "No, we want her to have a litter so the kids can see the miracle of birth."

Pansy grew, and before they knew it, came into her first heat cycle. After a week of that mess, they put her outside. The neighborhood males, who were already on the alert, seized the opportunity. Surprise! Pansy was pregnant, but the family had no idea who the dad was! The kids were thrilled at first, but they soon lost interest. That's the way kids are. Mom and dad were not so thrilled. There went the money they thought they would get

by selling the puppies. Oh well, they would just have to make the best of it.

As the whelping date grew near, Pansy began to tear up the yard trying to make a nest for her pups. Soon she was chained and confined to a corner of the yard.

Things did not go well! One morning the family woke up to find that Pansy had presented them with only one pup, and she was bleeding and crying in pain. They rushed her to the vet, who gave them the bad news. Pansy needed a C-section or both she and the remaining pups would die. More expense! They finally decided to go ahead with the operation. They could pay the vet with the money they would make on her next litter-they would make sure those would be purebred. They had learned the hard way!

#### **Memorial Page** on HHGDSBR Web Site

When a beloved pet dies, we experience a pain and grief that non-pet owners rarely understand.

The Rescue website now provides a way to place a permanent memorial on the In Memory Of page. Your tax deductible donation of \$25 or more will add a picture of your pet (dog, cat, bird, etc.) and a short text of 20 words or less to that page.

Photos and your personal memorial text may be e-mailed to Memory@hhdane.com. or they may be sent by regular mail. We will scan your picture for you. If you want the picture returned, send a self addressed stamped envelope.

Donations will be accepted through PayPal or by a personal check.

Pansy and her ten pups were brought home to their new living quarters-the garage. When mom and dad thought the pups were old enough, they put an ad in the newspaper. They were shocked! The phone did not ring off the hook in response to the ad. Meanwhile the pups were growing and tearing up the garage. In desperation they advertised "Free to Good Home."

Two pups found homes, but in the end, the "Good Home" was not even an issue. Pansy was already in her next heat cycle.

The remaining pups, which were no longer little, cute, and cuddly, went to the animal shelter. A week later the pups were shoved into the gas chamber to die.

Spay or neuter your dogs. Too many unwanted puppies and dogs are being killed every day.

# Are You Sure You Want a Puppy for Your Child? Written by a Mature Dane

Why do you want a puppy for your child instead of me? Are you sure you want a puppy that can bite your children and chew up their toys? Heck, if that's what you want, I am sure I could manage to do that for you. Do you want a puppy to piddle and poop on the floor? I could probably do that, too. Oh, that's right! If I piddle or chew or bite, I am a BAD DOG! When a puppy does things like that, it is so cute. What happens when the puppy grows a little? Then do you dump the puppy just like my owners dumped me?

Why not get a dog that has already learned what you really want from a well-adjusted member of the family? Oh, I forgot! You want a puppy to grow up with your child. Who cares if it makes both the child and puppy miserable? After all, every child should have a puppy, right?

I have been at the Rescue for quite a while now, and I have heard the people say the same old thing. "I don't want a older dog that has issues. I want a puppy so I can train it to be MY dog."

Boy, do I have news for you! Even puppies have issues, but most of them are caused by people like you. People who are too blinded by the old saying that you cannot teach an old dog new tricks. I have leaned a lot of new tricks since I came to the Rescue. I have learned to be a loving companion and family member. I have learned to give and receive love unconditionally. What more do you want?

#### Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue 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, Saint Bernards, and other animals as space allows.

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

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

#### Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

These organizations are willing to donate a percentage of profits to Harlequin Haven. Please patronize them for the dogs' sake.



Because Louise owns and loves Great Danes, she captures the essence of their personalities in her work. Please visit her web page and see for yourself.



There are 549 great stores you know and love with exclusive deals to save you \$100s on this web site. You will find free shipping offers and coupons. **Up to 27% of each purchase you make will go to HHGDSBR.** Join today by going to the Rescue Web Site address given below.



# WSI - Internet Consulting & Education

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**Pounds for Paws Gourmet Coffee** 30% of all purchases are directed to HHGDSBR



To make sure that HHGDSBR gets credit for your purchases go through our Web Site at: www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/partners.htm

## **Hydrotherapy Pool**



With the help of his new life jacket, Donny learned to swim

Last April Donny had an operation to correct a problem with his hip. When he went back to the vet for stitch removal and a check up, the doctor said that he needed hydrotherapy to force him to use the affected leg. Without this type of therapy, he would not regain full use of it.

After going over all the options and rejecting them as too expensive, it was decided to dig a pool at the Rescue. It would be a permanent fixture that could be used for any dog that would benefit from hydrotherapy in the future.

#### **Six Foot Privacy Fence**

A much needed 6 ft. privacy fence has been built at the Rescue for the safety of the dogs when they are outside playing and getting exercise.

Thanks to the volunteers who have donated time and muscle to work on the fence.



Measure twice, cut once!

Donations of money and equipment have been generous, but these projects are still not completely paid for.

# EVENTS Bark Park

On June 19 volunteers from HHGDSBR participated in one of the largest events ever undertaken to raise money for the Rescue. Jane Dickinson arranged for the Rescue to have the opportunity to work one day at the Bark Park in the Columbus area.



**Crafts and Food Booth** 

The event lasted from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and we had to have a minimum of 8 volunteers present at all times.

An appeal was posted on the Internet, and approximately 40 volunteers responded. Others, who could not come to work, made and donated food, and craft items for sale.

Thanks to all who worked, made food, dog treats, and craft items to sell, and especially to Jane and Lori who bore the brunt of organizing the event. Thanks also to Marcia Rhoades of Bark Park for giving the Rescue this opportunity.

#### Finneytown Parade, 2004



Jeff and Betty Whittington organized this event on short notice, but there was a good turnout.

#### PetsMart, Eastgate



Bernie Ball is organizing Awareness Days at PetsMart in Eastgate on the third Sunday of each month, and she needs volunteers to help. This is a good way for you to show off your dog and help to educate the public about rescue work. Come on out!

**Clark County Fair** 



Karen and Meredith Callinan, Lori Rader, and Nancy Marconett showed up for this one.

# Grooming Days at the Rescue



Grooming days present an opportunity to get to know the dogs at the Rescue, and the dogs love the extra attention. These grooming days are for the Rescue dogs, so please don't bring your dog.

# **More Events**

#### **More Volunteers Needed**

Check the Upcoming Events page on the Rescue Web Site, and volunteer for an event in your area.

Get to know other volunteers and their dogs, and show off your own dog. At the same time you can help spread the word about spay/ neuter and how rescues work to save animals from neglect and abuse. If you want to help, contact:

**Cincinnati Area** BBall@cinci.rr.com jwhitt1@imcingular.com

**Columbus Area** *jane@lakeshore.com* 

Akron Area lenapena@sbcglobal.net

**Toledo Area** *Kcall125@aol.com* **Mingle With the Mutts** 

On the third Sunday of each month Jane Dickinson organizes an Awareness booth at the Franklin County Animal Shelter in Columbus. She needs volunteers to help her.



Awareness Booth at Franklin County Animal Shelter

#### Van Cleve Elementary School Troy, Ohio - June, 2004



Wow! All This Attention

The students at Van Cleve Elementary School in Troy raised about \$600 for the Rescue. For their reward, volunteers brought their dogs to meet the kids. Linda McGarry organized the event.

#### SuperPetz - Toledo



Karen and Meredith Callinan are trying to start Awareness events in the Toledo area.

#### HHGDSBR Picnic, 2004



This year's picnic was held at

Bernie Ball's dog day care center, Strictly Dogs. There was lots of good food for the people, and Frosty Paws treaats for the dogs. Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue 11567 State Route 774 Bethel, OH 45106-8634 Phone: (937)379-2231 Visit our Web Site at http://www.hhdane.com

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