



Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

NEWSLETTER

We Will Miss You, Marge



Margaret U. Schott
8/18/28 - 3/2/04

Her name was Margaret, but everybody called her Marge, and she called everybody "honey." The three great loves of her life were children, dogs and baseball. She was outspoken, down-to-earth and generous to a fault.

She demonstrated her love of children with generous donations to Cincinnati's Children's Hospital, the Boy Scouts, and many more institutions and organizations devoted to working with or ministering to children.

Her love for baseball was there for everyone to see during the 15 seasons she was the owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. She was not an absentee owner who sat back and collected the profits. She got involved, and sometimes she got in trouble, but no one doubted her enthusiasm and interest in the team. She was a genuine fan.



Because of her love of animals she has given millions over the years to the Cincinnati Zoo and various Animal Humane Societies.

When she learned of the Rescue's plight after the 1999 fire that almost destroyed it, she stepped in with a generous donation which made the specially built dog building, "Schottzie's Haven," possible.

The picture at the bottom of the column at the left shows Marge and Schottzie at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Our building now stands in memory of our friends, Marge & Schottzie.

You both will always be remembered!

Minivan Donated to the Rescue



Scott and Sherry Fitzgerald of Fairborn, Ohio donated a 1998 Ford Winstar Van to HHGDSBR, and on February 28 delivered it to the Rescue. A van has been at the top of the Rescue wish list for a long time, and we assured Scott and Sherry that the vehicle will be put to good use in transporting dogs to and from the veterinarians as well as running errands and picking up supplies for the Rescue.

Thank you, Scott and Sherry. You have proved that sometimes wishes do come true!

When Adoptions Fail

There are several reasons for adoption failures. Rarely is it the dog's fault. Sometimes (again rarely) the Rescue misjudges the family's ability to handle some dogs. The common theme to most adoption failures is lack of understanding of the dog's need for time to adjust to its new home.

In one instance the adopter took his new dog to work with him the first week. The dog was overwhelmed with meeting a lot of new people in a new environment.

In another instance the husband enjoyed playing tug-of-war with the new dog. Later on when the dog grabbed a towel and the wife tried to take it away from him, the dog thought she was playing tug-of-war. The wife became alarmed and thought the dog was being aggressive. Even though one of our volunteers offered to come to the home and work with her, the wife would not accept any help and insisted on returning a dog that did not have an aggressive bone in his body.

When an adoption fails, everyone suffers. First and foremost the dog suffers. It has lost another home and feels the same sense of failure and rejection that it felt when dumped by its previous family. The Rescue suffers because a lot of time, money and effort have gone to waste. The adopters suffer because they have lost the opportunity of having a loving, devoted addition to the family.

In the following article you will find a list suggestions to help you have a successful adoption experience. Even if you are an experienced dog owner, you will find them useful.

To Do or Not To Do, That is the Question

Bernadette Ball has helped us put together a list of suggestions for new adopters. Bernie, as she is called by all who know her, is the owner/operator of Strictly Dogs, a day care facility for dogs. She is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and has been an active volunteer with HHGDSBR for several years.

What Not to Do

- ◆ Don't take your new dog home and leave it alone for hours the first day or for the first few days.
- ◆ Don't invite lots of people to your home until after the adjustment phase of 3 to 4 weeks. Definitely don't have a party for your new dog right away. We understand that you want to show off your new dog to your family and friends, but he needs to adjust to his new surroundings and your family and other pets first.
- ◆ Don't take your dog to work with you for the same reason as in previous paragraph.
- ◆ Don't change your dog's food right away. If you decide to change, do it over a one week period to avoid stomach upset
- ◆ Don't hesitate to call us for help if you have any problems. It is easier to correct a problem earlier rather than later.

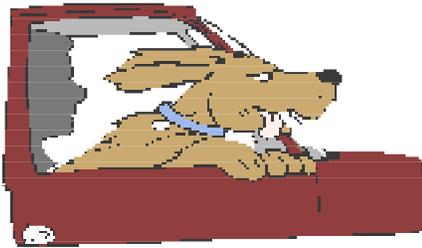
What to Do

- ◆ Take your new dog straight home. Resist the temptation to take him into the pet store to pick out toys and a new bed. Do your shopping ahead of time.
- ◆ Slowly introduce your new dog into the family of other animals.

Sometimes it is better to introduce new dogs outside in the fenced area rather than in your home. Always supervise greetings, but especially when the dog is meeting pets such as cats, ferrets and any other species of animal.

- ◆ Remember to continue to give current pets lots of attention. If you dwell on your new dog too much, you may see behavior issues with your current pets. They need to know that they are not being replaced.
 - ◆ Try to spend as much time with your new dog as possible the first few days.
 - ◆ Provide comfortable places for your dog to rest. The best thing you can do for a Great Dane or Saint Bernard is to give them a comfy couch or a wonderfully soft dog bed.
 - ◆ Use elevated feeding surfaces for Giant and Large Breed dogs. It is best to feed adult dogs twice a day and allow them to rest after eating to prevent the possibility of bloat.
 - ◆ Take your dog to your veterinarian within 14 days for checkup and Rabies vaccination. Take your copy of your adoption contract with you so your vet can record the dog's medical history on his chart. After your visit send a copy of this information to HHGDSBR
 - ◆ While in the waiting room at the veterinarian's office do not allow anyone, especially children, to approach your dog. Most dogs are nervous in the vet's office and may react defensively.
 - ◆ Allow your dog to adjust to your family and household routine before introducing him to lots of people. That adjustment phase should be from 3 to 4 weeks. After
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We're Going Home!

Recent Adoptions

Timmy	Janet Carleton & Dale Francis
Tito	Bernie and Bob Ball
Sam	Zack Hemphill & Lisa Daniels
Dusty AKA Nelson	Jon & Tracy Jennings
George	Shawn Meade
Jamie	Barbara & Jeff Hale
Sally	Holly Kimbrell
Connie	Lisa & Rocco Faiello
Garth AKA Einstein	Pam & Don Wolfe
Simon	Anji & Mark Erickson
Maggie	Ginger & Matthew Callahan
Male Pup #1	Bethany Tompson & Richard Lee
Hailey	Samantha & Daniel Barnett
Donelle AKA Molly	Kay Easton
Heidi	Karen & Richard Gulley
Patsy	Shirley Doran
Elroy	Karen & Linford Detweiler
Taz	Lauren & Chris Seither
Dana	Karla & Israel Gibson
Jeremy	Rodney & Lisa Harrison
Bonnie, Clyde II & Dylan	Barbara & Mark Powers
Charlotte	Brian & Josephine Reigelsperger
Zoey	Anthony & Helen Davis

We wish you well, and remember, we love to get pictures.

When the Time Comes

The following is an excerpt from an article in the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1998 Newsletter in which one dog is explaining to a newcomer at the Rainbow bridge why he is there.

"Then the day came that I hurt so much that I couldn't get up. Mom cried a lot. I heard her phone the doctor and ask if she could bring me in. When we arrived at the office, Dr. Ruth and Mom sat on the floor next to me. Mom held my head in her lap, and Dr. Ruth gave me a shot. Soon the pain went away and I became sleepy. The last thing I heard was Mom talking to me and telling me how much she loved me."

When the time comes, will you have the courage to stay with your dog so that the last thing he hears is your voice telling him how much you love him?



Spring

Warmer weather will soon be here and with it come the fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and other annoying insects. Besides being pesky, insects transmit disease and parasites.

- **Fleas:** Your dog can get tapeworm by swallowing a flea.
- **Mosquitoes:** The deadly heartworm is transmitted by these pesky insects.
- **Ticks:** The deer tick carries Lyme Disease.

Consult your veterinarian about protecting your dog from these and other insects.

Memorials

*Max, Lori, Milo,
Natalie and Martie
Tom and Dale Bath*

Cricket

Kathy Amrein

Heidi

Sherri and Tom Lechner

Shelby

*Stephanie Agostini
and Scott Spencer*

Pebbles

Felicia and Darrin Lewellen

Amelia

Jean and Chuck Inwood

Hermia

David A. Shough

Bubba Carver and Boe Klaus

Blake Carver

Thor

Nancy Marconett

Timmy

Shannon and Ryan Holtman

Loni

LeeAnn Parker

Lucy

Lisa Egner

Luke

Clayton and Nancy Doak

Bubba

Sheila Goldsmith

Melinda

Rob Jagielski

Donors and Sponsors Very Important People

Stephanie Agostini & Scott Spencer
in memory of Shelby

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Blake Carver in memory of
Bubba Carver & Boe Klaus

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Tony & Teresa Comacho

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Robert & Annette Condon

Jane & Ken Dickinson

Karen Dorsey & Robert Bonner

June Douglass

Melissa & Blake Duffie

Lisa Egner

Edward & Rose Marie Emrick

Lisa & Rocco Faiello

Donna Fanta

Robert & Kathryn Fathman

Scott & Sherry Fitzgerald

Franklin County Animal Shelter

Denise Franks

Karla & Israel Gibson

Great Dane Club
of Kentucky & Indiana

Randall Gross

Stacy Hadden

Adoption List

As of March 6, 2004, we have placed 1048 dogs in adoptive homes. There are, however, 34 Great Danes, 5 Mixes, 17 Saint Bernards, 1 Toy Manchester Terrier, 1 Toy Rat Terrier, and 1 Chihuahua waiting for suitable homes. Please help us to find good homes for these loving and deserving dogs. All are spayed or neutered, heartworm tested, on heartworm preventive, have received all shots except rabies, have received medical treatment as needed, and have been temperament tested. **A fenced yard is required to adopt a dog. Invisible or electric fences are not acceptable.**

Adoption Fees: Purebreds (6 months and under)-\$250, (under 4 years)-\$200, (4 years and up)-\$100. Mixes (under 6 months)-\$140, (6 months and up)-\$100. Receive a 5 lb. bag of Science Diet dog food with each adoption.

New Adoption Procedures: The Rescue is now accepting adoption applications by mail. To receive an application go to our website at www.hhdane.com and click on the link to Adoption Procedures, send your name and address to HHGDSBR, 11567 St. Rt. 774, Bethel, OH 45106-8624, or call 937-379-2231.

Male Great Danes

Name	DOB	Comments
Spencer	10/18/03	Blue harlequin, natural ears, DEAF
Donny	02/03	Black, white markings, cropped ears
Billy	11/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
Archie	04/25/02	Merlequin, natural ears. Breeder: Donna Owens
Cain	01/02	Harlequin, natural ears
Todd	01/02	Merle, natural ears
Burt	11/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Martin	07/13/01	Black, white markings, ears cropped but do not stand. Breeder: Pamela & Daryl Shonebarger
Tommy	07/01	Black, white markings, cropped ears, do not stand.
Clyde	07/01	Brindle, merle, mantle, natural ears.
Amos	05/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Willie	04/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Jax	02/01/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Jason	01/01	Black, white markings, cropped ears, tail docked.
Luke	09/00	Fawn mantle, natural ears
Duke	08/05/98	Merlequin, natural ears. Breeder: Cathy Fros

Female Great Danes

Cindy	10/29/02	White, black markings, natural ears
Ginny	10/29/02	Harlequin, natural ears
Leila	03/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
Lilly	10/01	White, black markings, natural ears, DEAF

Name	DOB	Comments	(Donors and Sponsors continued)
Kayla	07/01	Black, white markings, natural ears	Rodney & Lisa Harrison
Roni	01/01	Black, ears cropped- do not stand, tail docked	in memory of Harley
Carrie	10/00	Fawn out of harlequin breeding, natural ears	Heidelberg Disbributing Company
Joanie	10/00	Black, cropped ears	Eric Hill
Mystic	02/09/00	Black, white markings, natural ears	D. M. Hillenbrand
Star	08/04/99	White, merle markings (piebald), cropped ears, do not stand	Homan Foundation
Amanda	08/99	Harlequin, DEAF, natural ears	Rachel & Alba Hurlbut
Jasmine	03/99	White, merle markings, natural ears, DEAF	Kristina & David Ickes
Nicole	09/04/98	Merle, natural ears	Jon & Tracy Jennings
Missy	08/98	Harlequin, natural ears	Robin Jensen
Dana	11/15/97	Brindle, cropped ears	Rebecca & Charles Kimble
Saint Bernards-Males			Holly Kimbrell
Sampson	12/17/01	Rough coat Breeder: Chris & Angela C. Murphy	Tammy Kinkade
Barry	10/00	Rough coat	Jim & Becky Klabusich
Barney	02/00	Rough coat	Betty & Steve Lane
Franky	02/00	Rouh coat, blue eyes	Emily Lewis
Odie	12/99	Rough coat	Sharon Lewis
Monty	11/99	Rough coat	Leslie Long
Mikey	05/99	Rough coat	Nancy Marconett
Shane	10/98	Rough coat, children 12 yrs and up	in memory of Thor
Cass	09/96	Rough coat	Tom Mattingly
Saint Bernards- Females			Constance Megison
Sandi	06/01	Rough coat	Lucy & James Mercer
Rosie	05/00	Rough coat	Milton's Tavern
Tina	04/00	Rough coat	Mondavi Vineyards
Casey	04/00	Smooth coat	Matt Mogus
Brandy	11/99	Smooth coat	Rudolph Moreira MD
Roxy	11/99	Smooth coat	Nikerson Business Supplies
Betty	05/99	Rough coat	Dana & Timothy Olwin
Gracie	09/14/97	Rough coat	Andrea & Jeff Orschell
Mixes-Males			Danette Patrick
Seymour	01/22/00	Dane-Newfoundland, black	Holly Peagler
Woody II	10/99	Dane-Lab, fawn	Pet Supplies Plus, Kenwood
Woody	02/03/99	Dane-Akita, fawn	Louise Peterson, Claynines
Mixes-Females			Margaret & William Ports
Dana	12/99	Dane-Mastiff, black, white marking	Jessica Potts
Scarlet	02/03/99	Dane-Anatolian Shepherd, fawn	Gregory & Laura Prisco
Other Purebreds			Lori Rader
Males			Eunice & John Ravenna
Jasper	11/23/00	Chihuahua, Breeder: Deanna Jo Cobb*	Tracy Reese
Spike	12/99	Toy Manchester Terrier	Robert & Carolyn Reis
Females			Stephanie Richards
Buffy Jo	01/01	Toy Rat Terrier	Colleen & Nate Rogers
*Breeder is a USDA licensed breeder who sells to pet stores and/or brokers			Rylee-Ann Romero
			David Saul Rosenfeld
			Marilouise & John Roth
			Brenda Rushman
			Polly & J. S. Sack
			Sandra & Gabriel Seidman
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			in memory of Amy Gilreath
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 Stephanie & Michael Simolin
 in memory of Kingston & Chloe
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 Karla Smith
 Tara Smith
 Julie Spraker & Tony DiPietro
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 Walter & Donna St. Clair
 Howard & Janet Stoner
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 Jon & Carrie Subity
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 Cindy & Scott Swarmstedt
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 Gabriel & Sonja Venzin
 Christine Vrooman & Pellegrino
 Ciccarello
 Marsha Wheeler
 Mary Wilgus
 Dail & Jean Wilson
 Virginia Wiltse
 Holly & Jon Witte
 Holly Homan Witte
 in memory of Abby "Sweetness"
 Pam & Don Wolf
 Judy & Tom Yacks
 Amy & Dustin Young
 Geoffrey & Jennifer Zimmerman

Volunteers

Scott Altenhoffen
 Kathy Amrein
 Dori Baker
 Matthew Ball
 Bernie & Bob Ball
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 Becky Bell
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 Becky & John Cartmell
 Bobby Condon
 Luke Condon
 Brenda Davis
 Ken & Jane Dickinson
 Lisa Egner & John Baron
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 Thelma Goris
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 Lynn Huelsman
 Jon & Tracy Jennings
 Joyce Jennings
 Annsley Kast
 Holly Kimbrell
 Tammy Kinkade
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 Tom Mattingly
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 Micky Minnich
 Anita Mishurda & Friends
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 Chyrl & Brittany Rowe
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 Lauren, Denise, Michelle & Amy
 Seither
 Traci Shaw
 Debbie Swider
 Cindy & Scott Swarmstedt
 Sonya & Gabriel Venzin
 with son Anthony
 Cara Walmsley
 Andrea Weaver
 Denise Weide
 John and Melodie Whitacre
 Jeff & Betty Whittington
 Judy Wilson
 Craig Yacks
 Judy Yacks
 Amy & Justin Young
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 Timothy Smith
Veterinarians
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 Stacy Frick
Computer Consultant
 Judy Wilson



Picnic

Mark June 13 on your calendar for the annual HHGDSBR picnic. This year Bernie Ball has offered the use of the building where her "Strictly Dogs" day care is located. Because it will be inside, weather will not be a deterrent. There is plenty of room. Visit her web site www.strictlydogs.net to see pictures of the accommodations and directions to get there.

The gathering will last from noon to 4 PM. Please bring your own food and table service. If you wish, you may bring an extra covered dish or dessert to share. We are asking you also to bring folding chairs and, if you have room, a card table. The Rescue will supply coffee and bottled water.

More details in next newsletter

How To Help

A Fundraising Committee has been formed to formulate and implement new projects to raise money for the Rescue.

Volunteers on this committee are: Bernie Ball, Becky Bell, Lisa Egner, Lynn Huelsman, Tammy Kinkade, Nancy Marconett, Tom Mattingly, Micky Minnich, Shawna Rockwood, Andrea Weaver, and Amy Young. They have been very busy, and you can see some of their projects at: www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm.

If you need more information or have any new ideas, send an e-mail to fundraiser@hhdane.com.

We need your help!

Events & Activities

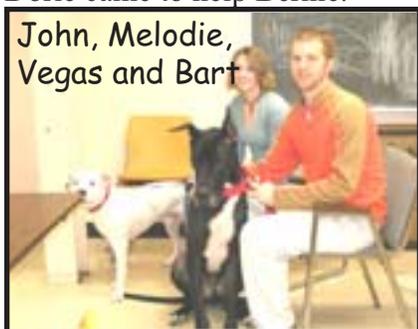
February 4, 11, and 18, 2004

Bernie Ball received a request from St. Mary's School in Hyde Park to present three educational programs to first through sixth graders. Bernie put out a call on the Yahoo list for volunteers to come with their dogs to help her.

On Feb. 4 Judy Yacks came with Hannah, who was a big hit.

On Feb. 11 John and Melodie Whitacre came with Bart, their Great Dane, and Vegas, their Pit Bull mix. Also helping on that day were Sonja Venzin, her son Anthony and Timmy, their Saint Bernard.

On Feb. 18 Lori Rader with Keno and Andrea Orschell with Dorie came to help Bernie.



Mingle with the Mutts Sunday, February 15

This event is scheduled for the third Sunday of every month at the Franklin County Animal Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus.

Volunteers included Jane Dickinson, Lori Rader, Bobby Condon, Luke Condon, and Melissa Miller. Dogs participating were Keno, Abby and Cybil.

Grooming Day-Sunday, Jan. 29

Volunteers: Ed Luksic, Gabriel and Sonja Venzin, Lauren, Denise, Michelle and Amy Seither.

Pet Supply Plus Sunday, February 15



Volunteers were: Judy Yacks with Phoebe, Dori Baker with Napoleon and Sarah, Holly Kimbrell with Sophie, Marybeth Sauerbrunn with Conrad, Sonja Venzin and son, Anthony with Timmy, Jeff and Betty Whittington with Mindy, and Christie McGarry with Coco and Gia

2nd Annual Trailer Trash Jamboree, Sunday, Feb. 29



This event was organized by Tom Mattingly with the enthusiastic help of the Fundraising Committee.

Milton's Tavern was the place, and the Heidelberg Distributing Company, Mondavi Vineyards and Artisan Catering provided the food and wine.

Paying guests were entertained by Dan Meakin, the Singing Vet, and the Relentless Band, Anita Mishurda, Bill Diesbach, Bob Chain, Steve Brashear with Will Wiegand sitting in. All proceeds were donated to the Rescue.

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that, take it slowly—one thing at a time. Watch your dog to make sure that he is comfortable with a new situation before adding something else.

◆ Read the information on bonding and transition which is found on our web site at www.hhdane.com/care/caremain.htm.

◆ The biggest mistake some people make is allowing the dog to have his way about everything from when he is petted to when he plays to who may be around when he is eating. A spoiled dog is just as bad as a spoiled child; maybe even worse since we are dealing with lots of big teeth. **You** must be in charge. **You** decide when to play, when to pet, and you must teach your dog that it is OK for you to be around when he is eating because you are the one providing the food.

◆ Patience is extremely important as your dog adjusts to his new home. You don't know what he has been through in his short life. He needs to know that he can trust you. He needs to know it is OK to make a mistake now and then and that you will still love him. After all, you will make mistakes and he will definitely still love you.

◆ **Very important!** Enroll in an obedience class. Even if you already know how to train, it is important for the dog to be trained in a group. This helps with bonding to you and teaches the dog how to get along with strangers—human and canine. Large, strong dogs need to know good manners. Look for positive trainers. The Association of Professional Dog Trainers web site, www.apdt.com, can help with your search.

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Your tax deductible donation of \$25 or more to our rescue places a permanent memorial to your pet on our web site. For details go to www.hhdane.com/memory/memory.htm.

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