

# Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

# Newsletter

Bebe



B ebe's story is one of neglect. In fact it is among the worst that we have encountered in which the dog survived.

She was hit by a car over a year ago and suffered a broken pelvis which was never treated. In fact Bebe had been to a veterinarian only once in her life. Because of her injuries she had to drag her left hind foot to the point that her toes were worn away and bleeding.

Not only had Bebe been neglected medically, but when she arrived at the Rescue, she was so malnourished that she was skin and bones, and she had worms of every kind except heartworm, was filthy dirty and covered with fleas.

After consultation with several vets, it was decided that the only way Bebe could have a pain free life would be to amputate the leg.

Bebe is recovering very well from her surgery, and is up and walking. In spite of all that she has suffered, Bebe has a sweet and loving disposition,

To read Bebe's full story and see more pictures visit our web site at www.hhdane.com.



Bebe after surgery

## We Need Your Help

We try to be practical, but we can't look into the eyes of a suffering dog and say, "Sorry! We can't afford to help you." Can you? We need your help if we are going to live up to the name, "Rescue."

The Rescue is being hit with mounting veterinary bills—over \$3000 for the month of May alone. Intestinal blockages, a displaced hip, and now a neglected and abused dog suffering from malnutrition and an untreated fracture of her pelvis require expensive surgeries and post-op care.

# Ready for Summer? Is your Dog Ready?



Summer is a time for vacations and recreation. Make sure

that your dog enjoys the summer fun, too. The season presents some hazards for your pet.

• Cicadas. This year these noisy insects are getting a lot of press coverage. When millions of cicadas emerge for a rare mating season, they will appear as tasty morsels to pets who could get sick from eating them. The main concern for pet owners is that the hard outer shell of the insect can cause vomiting, constipation and intestinal blockage in cats and dogs.

• Heat Stroke can be life threatening. Watch for the symptoms which are slobbering, heavy panting, rapid heart beat, high temperature, vomiting, or possible coma. Treatment: Lower the temperature by moving the animal out of the sun and bathe in cold water. Apply ice to the chest and massage the limbs gently. If conscious, feed small amounts of cool water. RUSH TO A VETERINARIAN. **Prevention:** Do not leave your pet outside unattended for long periods of time. Make sure the pet has plenty of fresh water available. Do not leave your pet in the car. (continued on page 2)

Even if the windows are left partially open, the inside temperature of the car can reach dangerous levels within minutes. Puppies and older dogs are particularly vulnerable to heat stroke.

• Swimming pools: If you have a pool in your back yard, secure it as though you have small children living with you. Yes, dogs can swim, but if they fall in or jump in a pool and can't get out, they will panic and drown.

• Fleas and Ticks not only make your dog miserable, but they carry diseases. Deer ticks can give your dog Lyme disease and fleas are the bearers of tape worms. Check with your veterinarian about flea and tick control.

• Mosquitoes are annoying to man and dogs alike, but they present a major health risk to dogs and cats. Mosquitoes transmit heart worm. Have your dog and/or cat tested for heartworm disease, then put them on the preventive. Your veterinarian can advise you.

# **Intestinal Blockage**

In the previous article intestinal blockage was mentioned in connection with Cicadas. In fact, dogs will swallow all sorts of things.

Here is a short list of some things that have been removed from dogs' intestines at surgery.

• Toys. Make sure that all toys are much too large for the dog to swallow. Inexpensive ones are a real problem because the dog can bite off chunks of them.

- Plastic wrap and bags
- Coins

• Pins, needles and thread. These are especially bad because of the sharp points.

- Socks
- Easter basket grass
- Butcher's string
- Dental floss
- SOS pads
- Pantyhose

• Paper towels—especially the more expensive ones that don't break up easily when wet.

- Pieces of carpet
- Children's toys of all sorts
- Bones and rawhides.

Keep anything that your dog could possibly swallow in a safe place.

### Symptoms of Intestinal Blockage

The signs are vomiting, dehydration and distension of the abdomen. When the blockage is high in the intestinal tract, projectile vomiting occurs shortly after eating. When low, there is a distension of the abdomen and vomiting is less frequent, but when present, it is dark brown and has a fecal odor. A dog with a complete obstruction passes no stool or gas.

Untreated intestinal blockages are fatal. Surgery is most urgent when there is interference with the blood supply to the bowel. This can be recognized by a rapid deterioration in the dog's condition, an extremely tender abdomen and signs of shock or prostration.

If you see your dog swallow something that you know can cause a problem, don't wait. Take him to the vet immediately. However sometimes you are not aware that the dog has eaten anything that can cause a problem. Your best defense is in knowing your dog well. When your dog acts out of character, that is the time to be vigilant.

# Kuranda Dog Bed



The picture of Bebe in the first column on page 1 shows her lying on a Kuranda bed. These beds were recommended to us by one of our volunteers. We bought one and discovered that they are ideal for our purposes. They also offer a discount price to anyone who wishes to donate to a rescue or shelter.

A link to the Kuranda web site was added to the Rescue web page, and soon we were receiving beds donated by generous people who wanted to help. Most donations were for one bed, some for two or more. **All donations** whether for one bed or several are greatly appreciated.

Jeff Whittington and his son, Alex, came to the rescue and assembled 20 beds which he and his wife, Betty, had donated. Jeff has volunteered at the rescue and knows first hand what a difference the Kuranda bed can make.

Twenty beds helped a lot, but we still need more. Every bed donated counts. To donate go to: www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/ howtohelp.htm or call 1-800-752-5308



**Jeff and Alex** 

### The Rescue Mourns the Loss of a Good Friend and Tireless Volunteer



Judith M. Wilson October 17, 1946 -March 1, 2004

Judy was a friend to all creatures, not just to people. She loved and nursed all animals, especially the orphaned raccoons, squirrels, possums, and other lost critters needing someone devoted to their survival.

Judy was also a self-taught computer whiz who willingly shared her knowledge and skills with anyone who needed assistance. In April, 2000 Judy became the Rescue's computer consultant and worked tirelessly to make the web site the best it could be. When a problem came up, she would not stop until she had solved it even if it meant staying up all night.

Everyone who has been touched by Judy is now faced with trying to go on without her. Whom will we call when the computer crashes? Who is going to help with that stranded raccoon kitten?

Judy will be greatly missed and will always have a place in the hearts of everyone who knew her.

# In Memoriam

Dana and Amos Tom and Dale Bath

Penelope and Samson Tracy and John Tvrdy

**Brooke** Felicia and Darrin Lewellen

**Sam** Valerie Green and Family

> Sara Nancy Marconett

**Merlin** Paul Glassman

Willie Ray Chesnick **Falcor** Debie and John Coffee

> **Diamond** Danette Patrick

Sadie Celesta and Richard Black

> **Stanley** Lee Ann Parker

**Nemo** Barbara and Mark Cisler

> **Sherman** Denise Weide

Marie Bath Tom Bath's mother

### I Stood By Your Bed

I stood by your bed last night. I came to have a peep. I could see that you were crying. You found it hard to sleep. I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear. "It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast. I watched you pour the tea. You were thinking of the many times your hand reached down to me. I was with you at the shops today. Your arms were getting sore. I longed to take your parcels. I wish I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today. You tend it with such care. I wanted to reassure you that I'm not lying there. I walked with you towards the house. As you fumbled for your key, I gently put my paw on you. I smiled and said "It's me."

You looked so very tired and sank into the chair. I tried so hard to let you know that I was standing there. It's possible for me to be so near you every day. To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there quietly, then smiled, I think you knew In the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you. The day is over. I smile and watch you yawning And say, "Good night, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide, I'll rush across to greet you, and we'll stand side by side. I have so many things to show you. There is so much for you to see. "Be patient, live your journey out, then come home to be with me." Author Unknown

## Volunteers

Volunteers	
Chris Zunic Amy & Justin Young Tom, Judy, Craig and Kara Yacks Michael Wilson	As There Rat Te to find or neu all sho
Jeff & Betty Whittington John & Melody Whitacre Steve Weidner Denise Weide	have t dog. I
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Jenni Reinhart Lori Rader Cindy Parker Brian O'Donnell	Male Name Donny
(DJ at WGUC & WNKU) Micky Minnich Mandy Mover	Colt
Mandy Meyer Christe McGarry Tom Mattingly Nancy Marconett Ed Luksic Emily Kufner	Duke I Billy Andy Todd Burt Martin
Tammy Kinkade Sean Halpin Lynn & Ryan Huelsman Ashley Holthaus Randall Gross Thelma Goris Jennifer Goaziou & Matt Bogan	Clyde   Jake   Samm   Cody   Jax   Luke   Storm
Mary Beth Gettins Liz Gaulke (Dogo Rescue) Dale Francis Pamela Eades	<b>Fema</b>   Emmy   Allie
Jane & Ken Dickinson Linford & Karin Deitweiler	   Cindy   Leila

# **Adoption List**

As of May 24, 2004, we have placed 1067 dogs in adoptive homes. There are, however, 27 Great Danes, 4 Mixes, 14 Saint Bernards, 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 <u>Adoption Procedures</u>, send your name and address to HHGDSBR, 11567 St. Rt. 774, Bethel, OH 45106-8624, or call 937-379-2231.

#### Male Great Danes

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Rader	Name	DOB	Comments
y Parker	Donny	02/03	Black, white markings, cropped ears
O'Donnell			Not ready at this time, recuperating from sur
(DJ at WGUC & WNKU)			gery
y Minnich	Colt	01/28/03	Black, white markings, natural ears
-			Breeder: Sherri Butcher****
dy Meyer	Duke II	12/13/02	Merle, white markings, natural ers
ste McGarry	Billy	11/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
Mattingly	Andy	10/02	Merle, natural ears
cy Marconett	Todd	01/02	Merle, natural ears
uksic	Burt	11/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
y Kufner	Martin	07/13/01	Black, white markings, ears cropped but
ny Kinkade	l		do not stand. Breeder: Pamela & Daryl
n Halpin	l		Shonebarger**
& Ryan Huelsman	Clyde	07/01	Brindle, merle, mantle, natural ears.
ey Holthaus	Jake	05/26/01	Fawn, cropped ears
•	Sammy	05/11/01	Harlequin, natural ears
dall Gross	Cody	03/01	Mantle, cropped ears-do not stand
ma Goris	Jax	02/01/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
ifer Goaziou & Matt	Luke	09/00	Fawn mantle, natural ears
Bogan	Storm	08/31/97	Black, natural ears
Beth Gettins	ĺ		
Saulke (Dogo Rescue)	Female Grea	it Danes	
Francis	Emmy Lou	08/03	Harlequin, natural ears
ela Eades	Allie	05/03	Fawn, black mask, natural ears. needs 6 ft.
& Ken Dickinson	l		fence
rd & Karin Deitweiler	Cindy	10/29/02	White, black markings, natural ears
	Leila	03/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
(continued on Page 5, column 3)	Lilly	10/01	White, black markings, natural ears, DEAF
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Name	DOB	Comments	l v
Connie	08/01	Fawn, natural ears	İκ
Lizzy	03/01	Blue, white markings, natural ears	
Carrie	10/00	Fawn out of harlequin breeding, natural ears	¦Α
Joanie	10/00	Black, cropped ears	_
Bebe	05/00	Harlequin, natural ears, hind leg	j R
		amputated. Not ready at this time.	J
Mystic	02/09/00	Black, white markings, natural ears	jΒ
Nicole	09/04/98	Merle, natural ears	İΚ
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#### Saint Bernards-Males

Sampson	12/17/01	Rough coat Breeder: Chris & Angela C. Murphy*
Barry	10/00	Rough coat
Barney	02/00	Rough coat
Franky	02/00	Rouh coat, blue eyes
Odie	12/99	Rough coat
Monty	11/99	Rough coat
Mikey	05/99	Rough coat
Cass	09/96	Rough coat

Rough coat

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Rough coat

Rough coat

Smooth coat

#### Saint Bernards- Females

Sandi	06/01
Rosie	05/00
Tina	04/00
Casey	04/00
Betty	05/99
Gracie	09/14/97

#### **Mixes-Males**

Woody II	10/99	Dane–Lab, fawn
Woody	02/03/99	Dane–Akita, fawn
Mixes-Fema	les	
Dana	12/99	Dane-Mastiff, black, white marking
Scarlet	02/03/99	Dane-Anatolian Shepherd, fawn

#### **Other Purebreds**

Males		
Jasper	11/23/00	Chihuahua, Breeder: Deanna Jo Cobb*
Females		
Buffy Jo	01/01	Toy Rat Terrier
*Breeder is a USDA licensed breeder who sells to pet stores		

and/or brokers Any breeders which are named in the Adoption List have:

refused to take back their dogs, refused to be responsible for them while in rescue and/or ignored our letters.

\*\* refused to be responsible for them while in rescue (medical bills, food, care, etc.) and/or ignored our letters.

\*\*\*disappeared and we have been unable to locate them.

\*\*\*\* rescue received dog directly from breeder

\*\*\*\*\* rescue felt it was in the best interest of the dog not to contact breeder and/or we have dealt with this breeder in the past and they have refused to be responsible for the dogs at that time.

Volunteers continued from page 4 Katie & Nick Courtright Annette, Bobby, Luke, and Lacie Condon Rebecca Cartmell Janet Carleton Brooke Burket Katie Brennan Becky Bell Karen & Sarah Bell Bernie & Bob Ball Kathy Amrein Scott Altenhoffen

### **Attorneys**

Greg Ruehlmann Jennifer Goaziou **Timothy Smith** 

**Veterinarians** Dan Meakin Lee Schrader Steve Schrader Karen Dorsey

**Computer Consultant** Janet Carleton

### Have You Volunteered, Yet?

The Rescue is always in need of volunteers. Check the Events link on the web page if you would like to take your Dane or Saint to any of the special activities.

From time to time an appeal is sent out for help in transporting dogs to the Rescue. Occasionally there is a call for help pick up and transport donated dog food. Those are other ways to volunteer.

Volunteers also help at the Rescue with cleaning and appointments for propective adopters.

Give it a thought

# Honor Roll of Donors and Sponsors

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Kimberly Young

Thanks seems such a small word to express what your donations and sponsorships mean to us.

It means that we have food, shelter and medical attention. If we have forgotten to list your name, we sincerely apologize.

### events





Pet Supply Plus, Kenwood, 3/21/04





Getting the Saints ready to go marchng in the Red's Opening Day Parade on Monday, April 5, 2004.

# MORE EVENTS

### Benken Event March 20, 2004



This event was held at H.J. Benken Florist and Greenhouse. HHGDSBR and ten other breed rescues were invited to participatein a "Rescue Awareness Day". The Rescue was represented by Betty and Jeff Whittington with Mindy; Gabriel and Anthony Venzin with Timmy; and Christe McGarry with Jake.

### Pooch Parade, Worthington April 25, 2004



HHGDSBR was well represented by Jane and Ken Dickinson with Homer and Cybil; Katie and Nick Courtright with Max; Lori Rader with Keno; Annette, Bobby, Luke, and Lacie Condon with Moses; Emily Kufner with Gunter; and Jennifer Goaziou and Matt Bogan with Tania and their Saint, Maggie.

### Easterdog Parade, Ft. Thomas, KY April 3, 2002



Becky Bell and Bob may have been the only ones representing HHGDGBR at this event, but they did us proud. Becky passed out business cards and made an announcement about rescue on the PA. Bob won as the biggest dog in the parade (surprise). Becky has shown that one person and one dog can do Dane or Saint awareness.

### Furry Scurry, Dayton May 1, 2004



The Rescue was well represented by Lynn Hueslman with Macey; Sean Halpin with Sheena; Josephine Reigelsperger with Jake and Charlotte, Betty Whittington with Mindy, Patty Baird with Marley; and John and Melody Whitacre with Bart.

This was the first time some had participated in an Awareness Event. Keep up the good work.



I 'm Going Home

# **Recent Adoptions**

Bailey Karen & Michael Callinan Roscoe Jeff & Betty Whittington Spencer Shirley Doran Ginny Stacy Hollinger Tommy Emily Kufner & Tyler Bower Jason Nathan & Erin Valentine Willie Brad & Rebecca Rose Kayla Donna Oliver & Kent Kloss Archie Chris Melcher Duke Bernie & Bob Ball Star Twyla Black Bob Jane & Jerry Raiff Duke David & Cassandra Morgan Missy Craig & Mame Corson Roni Brent & Theresa Kraus

Congratulations! We wish you well as you add a new member to your family





The annual HHGDSBR picnic will be Sunday, June 13. 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.

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.

#### How to get there

Visit Bernie's web site at *www.strictlydogs.net* to see pictures of the accommodations and directions to get there. If you don't have internet access, use these directions to 5614 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati.

### From Columbus:

- 1 Take I-71 south to Exit No. 9 (Red Bank Rd. toward Fairfax.)
- 2 Merge onto Red Bank EXWY.

3 Red Bank until road is closed, then turn left on US 50 east towards Milford and turn right on Wooster Pike. End at 5614 Wooster Pike.

### From Dayton:

- 1 Take I-75 south to Exit 16 (I-275E toward I-71).
- 2 Merge onto I-71 S toward Cincinnati.
- 3 Follow No. 1 through 3 above

#### From Kentucky:

- 1 Take I-471 N toward Cincinnati
- 2 Merge onto Columbia PKWY/US-50E
- 3 Turn right onto Wooster Pike.

# Please patronize our Profit Partners check out www.hhdane.com/partners.htm



These businesses have been generous with donations as well as helping to promote interest in the Rescue









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#### LOOK AT OUR NEW MEMORIAL PAGE

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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