



Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

Newsletter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Santa's Coming to Town

Written by the Danes and Saints in Rescue



Oh Boy! Is it time for St. Nick to bring toys and goodies to all the good little boys and girls? We wonder if we will get new toys and goodies, or will we get more lumps of coal like we got from our owners last year?

We don't understand why people claim to love us and promise to take care of us and then dump us. Here we are—homeless! A few of us were abandoned when we got old and gray, some were dumped last year to make room for a new cute and cuddly Christmas puppy, and of course some of us were booted out just after the New Year because no one wanted to take the time and effort to house train us and teach us proper manners. Let's not forget the owners who got us because their children begged for a puppy and promised to take care of it. You got it! It took about four months for the kids to lose interest, but instead of teaching their children proper responsibility they got rid of the dog.

We loved our owners and gave them everything they asked for. Was it our fault that they didn't teach us not to jump on people, or snatch stuff off the counters? We thought when they played tug-of-war with us, it was OK to grab the towels and rip them up. How can we tell right from wrong if nobody teaches us the difference?

This holiday season and throughout the year do all of the dogs in rescue around the world a favor and learn by our owners' mistakes. Here is a list of suggestions:

- 1 Do not get a pet (dog, cat, bird, hamster, etc.) for a child unless you, as the adult, plan to take proper care of it.
- 2 Take the dog to obedience class. Seldom does a dog that has had obedience training end up in a rescue.
- 3 Do not teach your puppy cute tricks unless you think they will still be cute tricks when he is all grown up.
- 4 Do your research before you get your new dog. Learn about the breed and what to expect. A lot of us were dumped because we got too big.
- 5 Buy a crate for the puppy so that he is safe and doesn't get into things when you are not there to supervise. Crates are not bad or cruel. Many of us like our crates as a place of our own.
- 6 Know how much it will cost to take proper care of a pet, and if you can't afford it, DON'T get one.
- 7 Last, but not least, remember the homeless dogs and puppies in shelters and rescues. ADOPT, don't buy from breeders.



Now it's holiday time, and this year we have been joined by more homeless dogs from the Hurricane Katrina disaster. It will be impossible for all of us to get adopted before the New Year. We would really like to have a Happy Holiday too. We all sent our wish lists to Santa and told him how good we have been. We even had Grandma tell him that we are really good kids. After all, it's not our fault we are homeless.

Could you be our Santa and make sure that we have a Happy Holiday?

In Memoriam

Margo S. Homan

Margo S. Homan died November 9, 2005 in Naples, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Frank X. Homan, Sr., and six children: Frank X. Homan Jr., Walter (Chip) Homan, Margi H. Masters, Sophia H. Male, Holly Homan, and Christine A. Homan.

The Homan Family and The Homan Foundation have been generous friends of the Rescue through the years.

Why Won't Anybody Look at Us?



Sasha



Stanley

On Saturdays when people come to the Rescue to pick out a dog to adopt we see other dogs go out to be looked at, but no one ever asks to see us. We asked Grandma, and she said it might be because we had heartworm disease when we came into the Rescue.

Don't these people understand that we were treated and cured, and now we are as healthy as the rest of the dogs? We don't carry the disease, nor are we a threat to the health of man or dog. We went through a lot of pain and discomfort to be cured. Now, won't someone give us a home and family we can love?

Meanwhile, you can read our letter to Santa on the web site: www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/ourlettertosanta.htm. We aren't asking for much for ourselves—just some toys and treats—but we know that Grandma is worried about vet bills. If you can send some money for that, it would make us happy to see her happy.

2005 WINTER RAFFLE

First Prize



A bottle of wine, two wine glasses, and a certificate for a luxurious 2 night stay in a private cabin for you and up to 7 of your friends at the Indian Bear Lodge in scenic Walhonding, OH. (weekdays only) Donated by Thomas and Sherry Lechner

Second Prize: Certificate for 1 night at Best Western's Whirlpool Suite in Oxford, 4 passes for Showcase Cinema, assorted coffee & teas, and 4 Christmas mugs. Donated by Randall & Rebecca Adams & Beth Dotson.

Third Prize: \$75 in Kroger Gift Certificates, serving platter, & holiday decorations. Donated by Krogers.

Fourth Prize: Two mugs by Adrianna, four passes to Showcase Cinemas, four linen napkins, assorted cocoa mixes, rawhides, dog Christmas stocking, and potpourri. Donated by Thomas & Judy Yacks and Beth Dotson.

Fifth Prize: Assortment of Tastefully Simple baking mixes, soups, and spreads. Donated by Betty Shonebarger.

Sixth Prize: Silpada Necklace. Double strands of Amber chips are highlighted with sterling silver beads (17 in. long with toggle clasp) and a 10 x 8 in. specially treated cotton cloth to polish your fine jewelry. Donated by Carla Fette, Silpada Designs Representative.

Seventh Prize: Holiday Wreath designed with your dog in mind and 4 Showcase Cinema passes. Donated by Beth Dotson.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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Your financial support is what keeps us going. Without you, we would not be able to save the dogs and find homes for them. Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone, we apologize most sincerely.

We give a special thank you to Christe McGarry who donated her Chrysler Town and Country van to the Rescue. It has been put to good use.

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Since the last newsletter the volunteers have been very busy. Here is a list of a few of the activities.

August:

Dog Days of Summer in Westerville.

September:

Strutt Your Mutt in Defiance.
Dog Mingle in Delaware.
HHGDSBR Picnic and silent auction at Strictly Dogs Day Care in Cincinnati.

Dog Days of September in Toledo.

First Annual Golf Scramble in Oxford.

October:

Paws Parade in Dayton.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 3 - Pictures with Santa in Cincinnati.

Dec. 10 & 11 - Pictures with Santa in Springfield.

Check the web site for regularly scheduled events in Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, and Toledo.

Recent Adoptions

Riley

Greg & Laura Prisco

Maverick

Cindy & Tom Shafer

Lesa

John & Melodie Whitacre

Nala

Beth Dotson

Jeannie

Colette Medlin

Katrina

Jennifer Jones

Blackie

Randall & Rebecca Adams

Adoption List

As of November 20, we have placed 1149 dogs in adoptive homes. There are, however, 58 Great Danes, 10 Saint Bernards, 1 Other Purebred and 10 Mixes waiting for suitable homes.

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

Unfortunately we do not have room to list the dogs available for adoption. Check our web site at www.hhdane.com and use the links to view a complete list of dogs waiting to be adopted by loving families.

While you are there look at some of the other links. Some of the "Success Stories" will make you laugh and some will make you cry. Click on the link to "Ways to Help" if you would like to contribute to the care and welfare of the dogs while they are living at the Rescue.

Reminders for the Holidays and Winter Season

At this time of the year everyone is busy with shopping, decorating, cooking and baking, and a multitude of other things to be done. Amidst all the preparations don't forget to make sure that your home is safe for your dog. Here is a list of some things to keep in mind to make sure that everyone enjoys the holidays.

✓ As the stress builds in your life, your dog can pick up on it. Take the time to reassure him that he is still important to you.

✓ Be careful with the goodies. A few extra treats are OK, but too much turkey, gravy and sweets can upset a dog's digestion. You don't want to have to deal with diarrhea, do you?

✓ Chocolate toxicity to dogs depends on a number of factors such as type of chocolate and weight of the dog. Don't take chances—**no chocolate for your dogs.**

✓ Keep your dog away from house plants. Not all are poisonous, but unless you are an botanical expert, don't take chances.

✓ Holiday decorations present hazards of their own. Glass ornaments, extension cords., tinsel and ribbons are tempting targets for a dog's curiosity. Be especially careful with candles.

✓ Antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is extremely toxic to dogs and humans. Its sweet taste makes it attractive, so thoroughly clean up any spills or drips in your garage or on your driveway.

Memorials

<p>Roxy Holly Homan & Jon Witte</p>	<p>Joe Scott Altenhoffen</p>
<p>Zoe and Lee Ann Tom & Dale Bath</p>	<p>Sally Holly Kimbrell</p>
<p>Klyde Renee Hytry</p>	<p>Skooni Roncy Roehm</p>
<p>Pfloyd Jennings Jon & Tracy Jennings</p>	<p>Stone Rebecca Bell</p>
<p>Zeus Deegan-Hill Samantha Deegan & Noland Hill</p>	<p>Cleo Tuja and Alex Stuard</p>
<p>Shadow Tammy Barton</p>	<p>Mark Anthony Robert & Wendy Fuersich</p>
<p>Coco Christe McGarry</p>	<p>Boris Laura, Joe, & Peyton Blair</p>
<p>Willow Karen Linford Detweiler</p>	<p>Wendy Paul Glassman</p>
<p>Stanley Cari & John Ludrosky</p>	<p>Annie Joyce & Roger Jennings</p>
<p>Jasmine "Rosie" Mark & Christa Sprinkel</p>	<p>Zeke Jennifer Jones & Kevin Kremer</p>
<p>Max Jeanna, Dick, & Tessa Burrell</p>	<p>Stormy Andrea Weaver</p>

*I will lend to you for awhile a puppy, God said,
For you to love him while he lives and to mourn
for him when he is gone.*

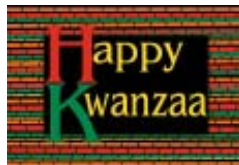
✓ When you walk your dog on surfaces that have been salted because of ice, be sure to clean his paws when you come back. These salts can be very irritating and can cause stomach upsets if he licks the salt from his pads.

There are other hazards to guard against, but the best ad-

vice we can give you is to use your common sense and be aware of your dog's activities and behavior.

Notice - the Rescue will close for the holidays after appointments on Dec. 10 and reopen Jan. 7

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