

FIRST TIME'S A CHARM: The Adoption of Davey, by Whitney Townsend

When my husband Brian and I first decided to get a dog, I knew it would need to be a well-thought out process. While I have had a lot of contact with dogs, from owning one when I was younger to working for a veterinarian during college and studying animal behavior, Brian had never had a pet of any

kind, much less a dog. Our friends always ask how he went from having no dog at all to having a Great Dane!

We started by looking at our lifestyle and deciding what breed could best suit us. Once we had it narrowed down to

a few breeds, I started looking for Ohio-based rescues and breeders.

The first site I came across for Great Danes in Ohio was the Harlequin Haven Web site; I was immediately impressed by the level of dedication and organization that HHGDR showed in their mission statement and application process. Of course, the pictures and stories of the adoptable dogs didn't hurt either!

We decided to send in an application to see if HHGDR might have a dog that would work for us. A few phone calls, a meeting with Janet, the Southeast Ohio Harlequin Haven



rep, and a home visit later, we were on our way to HHGDR headquarters to meet the three dogs identified by the volunteers as dogs that *could* be a good fit. We knew we were looking for a Dane on the smaller end of the spectrum, one who would be fine at home while we worked, and with a personality that my dog-inexperienced husband could handle.

After meeting with the HHGDR volunteers, and the three dogs, we had to make the tough decision of who to bring home. In the end, we decided on Davey, a small black Dane about 5 years old with natural ears. Davey had been found running on the freeway with a badly damaged rear leg. He certainly was not one of my "picks" from the pictures on the Web site (he is *not* photogenic!), but in person his



laid-back, mellow attitude, and soft brown eyes won us over.

Davey had a pretty smooth transition into our household, due mainly to the fact that we tried hard to follow HHGDR's guidelines and suggestions for bringing an

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ANNUAL RESCUE PICNIC, September 17, Noon–4 P.M.

All rescue dogs, their canine siblings, and their human families are invited to attend the Annual Rescue Picnic! This year the picnic will be held at Dale & Tom Bath's, next door to the Rescue facilities.

Games for both dogs and people, food, and fun are in store! Bring folding chairs and tables if you wish. Meal time begins at 1 P.M.

NOTE: Dogs and their humans will need to

stay in the picnic area at the Bath's. The Rescue facilities themselves will be closed for the day, sorry, no exceptions.

RSVP required by August 28. Clip the form on page 7 and mail in with meal fee. Be sure to indicate carnivore or vegetarian.

For a refresher on directions to the Bath's, E-mail hhdane@gmail.com.

Fun! Games! Food! Slobber! Fun! Games!

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PAW BLOSSOMS

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older rescue dog home, including the suggestion for obedience classes, despite Davey being amazingly well-behaved. We have now completed two obedience classes, and continue to take lots of walks around the neighborhood and the Ohio University campus. The kids on our block absolutely love Davey; he wasn't even fazed by our 11-year old neighbor's wheelchair.

We still work on Davey's few little "quirks," like learning to be calm when people come in the door. And, almost best of all, my newbie husband has learned how rewarding having a pet can be. Brian and Davey take pre-work walks, and Davey has even accompanied Brian into the Ohio University Men's Basketball locker room where Brian is an assistant coach.



The HHGDR volunteers are always available to answer any question, even taking my panicked phone call at 11:30 P.M. when Davey was acting like he might bloat and our urgent care veterinarian was unreachable. Some Pepcid AC straightened him out after they patiently calmed me down and helped me evaluate his symptoms until well after midnight.

It's funny; since Davey came into our life about a year ago I can't count how many times we've been out on walks and had people come up and say, "What a beautiful dog!" Not bad for the little old black Dane with the funny looking picture!

Davey continues to lounge around the house, chase the occasional rabbit that ventures into our fenced back yard, and give us some slightly drooly love and companionship. At the beginning of our dog search, I could never have imagined that things could work out so perfectly for all of us. *Thank you HHGDR!*

More pictures of Davey and his family at HHGDR Success Stories. <http://www.hhdane.com/success/success.htm>

PET-SAFE WEED CONTROL

Vinegar will kill weeds along your sidewalk and driveway, as will lemon juice, rock salt spread lightly, or boiling water. These methods do not endanger our pets in the way that conventional poisons do.

For more ideas, see the Web sites of both *Mother Earth News* and *Organic Gardening* magazines.

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/>
<http://www.organicgardening.com/>

SUMMER HEAT, a real danger!

In the summer, it is very important to prevent your dog from overheating. Heat stroke is an emergency that requires immediate and prompt treatment. Dogs do not know when they are getting too warm therefore we as their caretakers must limit their time outside.

It is our responsibility to ensure that our pets have sufficient shelter from the sun, adequate cool water to drink, and a way of cooling off when they are outside. Dogs do not tolerate high temperatures as well as we do, so remember if it is too hot for you, it is too hot for them!

Monitoring your dog closely in the summer is not enough when exercise, and then confinement, whether in a hot car or crate, is enough to send your dog's body temperature overboard.

Leave your dog at home when you go to run errands, even if you think you can leave her in the car with the air conditioning on. If the air conditioning goes out your dog can be dead in minutes. Leaving your dog in a hot car is almost a guarantee to bring on heat stroke. A hot car is like an

oven, with temperatures that can rise an astounding 34 degrees *per minute*.

Dogs don't know when to stop playing or even lying in the sun—they think they are having fun. It is up to us to watch for signs of stress and put a halt to play or sun bathing when it gets to be too much.

Water is essential to dogs, even more so during summer heat. Make sure your dog has lots of clean, cool water at all times (and of course inside the house too).

Old dogs or dogs with health problems are more susceptible than others. It is not uncommon for a dog to have a heat stroke in 80-degree weather.

So remember your furry friend, and keep alert for summer heat problems.

Learn more about this important topic, and many others, on the HHGDR Web site under the headings "Canine Care," "Canine Medical," "Canine Tales," and "Canines & Humans."

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 hhdane.mom@gmail.com.

Current and back issues are available from the Web site and by request. <http://www.hhdane.com/>



PAW BLOSSOMS, Mozart's newest series of "Art with a Message"

Great Dane Mozart's latest effort is the series *Paw Blossoms* (christened by volunteer Don Corsmeier).



Mozart was sold at an Amish dog auction by a "puppy miller" then soon after dumped by the buyer. Harle-

quin Haven came to Mozart's rescue.

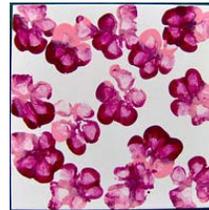


To create *Paw Blossoms* Mozart uses his paws to paint on ceramic tiles sized 12" and 4". The tiles are carefully dried then spayed with lacquer. The 4" coaster-size tiles are equipped with felt feet and come in sets of four, while the 12" tiles come with a standard plate hanger.



For even more awareness, he is also creating T-shirts

and hats, and even "autographed" photos, with his paw mark.



From stark simple paw prints to gorgeous swirls of color, these tiles and what they symbolize, will touch your heart.

I am dedicating my life to stopping the abuse and neglect of the dogs and puppies in puppy mills.

I will continue to paint and show my paintings on eBay to educate the world, as long as it takes to make a difference.

—Mozart

TOO YOUNG TO BE HOMELESS

They say I am too young to be homeless but yet I am. Why would someone buy a puppy then dump it just months later? Why don't people think before they buy?

They say I came from an un reputable breeder and when my owners were told that they should return me to my breeder they said *no* that they want me to have a better life. Well, do you think living with you for a few months or years, then being dumped is a better life?

If my breeder was so bad *why* did you buy me to begin with? Why did you give them money to stay in business? Do people not think? Do people not realize that when you buy puppies from an un reputable breeder, pet store, or dog auction that you are being an enabler? Do you think that buying that one puppy is really making a difference? Yes, to that *one* puppy but you have done nothing but enable that breeder/puppy mill into continuing to abuse and neglect hundreds and perhaps even thousands of other puppies!

Now I am homeless and living at a rescue, hoping and praying that someday a family

will come and want me. Unfortunately, those that keep coming looking for a dog are people that do not want a dog for the right reasons.

I am not a guard dog. I am not a baby sitter. I am not yesterday's garbage. I am a living, breathing dog that deserves a wonderful loving home. I am just like the thousands of other dogs that will die today in a animal shelter.

There is a lesson to be learned. I hope someday people are capable of learning from others' mistakes and not having to learn by adding to the problem.

Think before you buy that cute puppy. Can you be there for that puppy for the next 15-20 years?

-  Do your research and learn about the breed before you buy.
-  Do not buy from a pet store, dog auction, or un reputable breeder.
-  Spay and neuter your pets. Do not add to the homeless animal population of the world!

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—HHGDR Resident



VOLUNTEERS, our most sincere thanks!

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BERT is a homeless Dane from the Pickaway Co. Cruelty Case.

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VAN CLEVE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, by Christe McGarry

This is the seventh year the students at Van Cleve Elementary School in Troy, Ohio, have held a fund raiser for HHGDR. The children at the school spend the last two or three weeks of the school year bringing in spare change "to help care for the dogs."



As a reward to the students for working so hard to bring in this money, we bring a few of the adopted rescue dogs to the school for the day.

The HHGDR volunteers this year were Dustin Young with Carly, John & Melodie Whitacre with Bart and Sugar, Sonja

Venzin with Timmy, and Christe McGarry with Gia and Jake.

Once again, it was an extremely successful day for HHGDR—the students (with a little help from the teachers) raised nearly \$900!

Linda McGarry, the librarian at Van Cleve, is the main coordinator for this event. She is the one

who has made sure this event is a success each and every year.

The students tell us over and over that this is definitely their favorite day of the entire school year. Therefore, I am sure we can look forward to doing this event for many more years.

It is long and exhausting day for the dogs, but they have a great time and love doing it each year. And just think of the effect on these young rescue advocates!





RAINBOW BRIDGE, our deepest sympathy

Annabelle, Frankie, Shane, Taco, and Truman—Dale & Tom Bath
 Dexter—Joyce & Randy Burnett and family
 Mark—Randy and Bismark Gross
 Richard Kostuk—Pookie Spencer, Josh & Sydney Kostuk

Sabo AKA Babe—Tracie & Donny Shaw
 Thor—Amy & Terry Donnal
 Tyson—Nancy & Joseph Slye

See “**How to Help**” on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.
<http://www.hhdane.com/>

RECENT ADOPTIONS, congratulations!

Jasmine—Peggy & Don Ranck
(pictured)
 Larry—Jean & James Zilliox
 Sampson—Barbara & Mark Powers



Grooming Day—Melodie Whitacre grooms RUBY, a homeless Dane from the Pickaway Co. Cruelty Case.

Help spread the word!

Spay and neuter make a real difference!

VOLUNTEERS kept busy!

Our main fundraiser in June, Bark Park, was a huge success! Thanks to the Bark Park organization itself (Dublin, Ohio), Jennifer Kisker as our event manager, the HHGDR line volunteers, and those who donated items and materials. Next year will be even better, so plan on attending!

Volunteers and their dogs promoted HHGDR, adoption, education against puppy mills and for spay/neuter at

awareness events around Ohio and into neighboring Kentucky.

Ohio awareness events included Franklin County’s Mingle with our Mutts, PETsMART stores and AEP Humane Day in Columbus, SuperPetz in Troy, Furry Scurry in Dayton, and Pet Supply Plus in Cincinnati.

In Kentucky volunteers worked Pet A Fair in Ft. Thomas, and PetFest in Burlington, among others.

Volunteers also traveled to the Rescue for monthly Grooming Days. Grooming Days give the dogs much-appreciated extra attention and an opportunity to make friends with new people.



HHGDR volunteer dog washers (in black T-shirts) and Bark Park members come clean at our fundraising event in June.



Bark Park “Keepers of the Gate,” Ken & Kelly Eiker

Check the Web site for upcoming events in your area.

<http://www.hhdane.com/events/events.htm>



DONORS AND SPONSORS, A huge thank you!

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INNOVATIVE WAYS TO DONATE

Stock donations, matching funds, United Way—these are all ways that you may not have thought of, but all are great ways to help the homeless dogs.

Donna & Wayne Fanta donate stock; Fredrick Jones, Brent & Theresa Kraus, and Tom Mattingly take advantage of their employers' matching donation programs. Check with *your* company to see if it has such a program.

Some employers like Marathon, where Sara & Kevin McDaniel work, even pay their employees to volunteer! Or perhaps you donate to United Way through your workplace. You can even direct those funds to HHGDR as did the Burrell family.

Hold a yard sale and donate the profits. Organize a "Jeans Day" where those who wish wear jeans to work donate for the privilege.

Something as simple as putting a jar on your office desk and tossing in a dollar each time you "cuss" or crack your knuckles can benefit the dogs and help you change a habit you've been wanting to anyway.

The students at the Van Cleve Elementary School in Troy, Ohio, raised nearly \$900 dollars by each pitching in just a little bit (see story on page 4).

Each and every donation is welcome, no matter the size! It all adds up to help us save the dogs.

Your financial support is what keeps us going.

Without you, we would not be able to save them.

Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone from our lists, we sincerely apologize.

ANNUAL RESCUE PICNIC, September 17, Noon-4 P.M.

MENU

Hamburgers/veggie burgers

Hot dogs/veggie dogs, Brats/Metts

Potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni/pasta salad, baked beans/vegan baked beans

Pudding, fruit salad, cookies

Lemonade and bottled water

(NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED)



RUTHIE, a Scottie mix, is a Katrina survivor looking for a forever home.



MIKEY is a homeless Saint Bernard.

RSVP ANNUAL RESCUE PICNIC, September 17, Noon-4 P.M. (MEALTIME BEGINS @ 1 PM) RSVP

NAME _____

CARNIVOROUS HUMANS # _____

ADDRESS _____

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BEFORE 8/28, # x \$8 = _____

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BRINGING FOLDING CHAIRS? Y N

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We have 60 Great Danes, 10 Saint Bernards, 2 other breeds, and 9 mixed breeds waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1181 Great Danes and other dogs.

HHGDSBR eBay Fundraising Auctions



Keep an eye on the HHGDSBR eBay fundraising auctions!

Visit <http://www.hhdane.com/> to link to all our auctions. New items go up every week.

Some auction items are Dane-related, some are pet-related, and



some are general collectables.

A new item is the series *Paw Blossoms*, painted works by dog-artist Mozart.



Paw Blossoms include unique 12" ceramic tiles and sets of four 4" ceramic tile coasters. See story inside.

Both the Danes and the Katrina dogs continue to make art with a message.



Keep looking—you'll find something you can't live without!



Our heartfelt thanks to the many folks who both bid on and donated items!