

A GENTLE GIANT SPEAKS

So you want a Great Dane Puppy? A “gentle giant” to raise with your children? Well, I wanted a forever home that would love me for who I am, not what they think I should have been. You say you did your research; you say you researched breeders before buying. Yet you admit when you arrived at the breeder you purchased me because you felt sorry for me and could not leave me behind.



The human race is supposed to be smarter than a dumb dog. Well, apparently that is not true. A smart person would not have purchased from my breeder.

XENA, an abandoned Great Dane, was saved from euthansia by HHGDR and is now looking for a home. She too was handed from owner to owner.

Yes, you removed me from that place, but where are you today when I am homeless? A

smart person would have walked away. Yes, that would have been leaving me be-

hind, but all you accomplished was to enable the breeder to breed more puppies to end up homeless just like me.

You paid a lot of money because your research showed that spending more meant you were buying from a reputable breeder. Yeah right. You paid a backyard breeder (BYB) or puppy mill. You enabled more puppies to suffer—more puppies to end up homeless—more not lucky enough to end up in Rescue.

A reputable breeder would have taken me back and not allowed me to be homeless. So you gave me away “Free to a Good Home” because I did not match your research of a perfect Great Dane—a perfect gentle giant.

Mom and Dad, let me tell you a few facts about Great Danes! We are not born gentle giants. We are born puppies. Just like other puppies, we chew, play, and get into mischief. Danes, just like people, are not cast from one mold.

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Mark your calendars for Mozart's art gallery show in December!

MOZART IS JUNE FEATURED ARTIST ON GALLERY WEB SITE



Sunny Day-ne.

We are extremely excited to announce that dog-artist Mozart Dane will now have an art gallery representing him!

The Mac Worthington Gallery in the Short North Arts District in Columbus is featuring Mozart as a featured artist on its Web site for June. Mozart will have a gallery show in December and he invites everyone to come and bring all their friends. Stand by for more news on

the show.

In the meantime, Mozart's acrylic on canvas paw paintings can be viewed and purchased on the Mac Worthington Web site at



Paws and Reflect



Dane-ced by the Light of the Moon

<http://macworthington.com/featuredartist15.htm>, and also on the Rescue Web site under the “How to Help” section. And remember all proceeds go to help the dogs!

HHGDR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer-run organization. Donations are tax-deductible!



Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!

Please remember to protect your pets from heat-related illness and fireworks!

Leave your pets at home. Most pets don't enjoy the crashing and flashing caused by fireworks and even the most trustworthy pet could become scared and run away.

Don't leave your pets in the car during a fireworks display—the temperatures inside the car may rise drastically and cause heat stroke.

For more tips see "Fireworks" on our Web site under "Canines & Humans."

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We are all different just like you humans. Not every tall man is a basketball player just as every tall skinny woman is not a model.

If humans were smarter than dogs then you would not be buying from BYBs, puppy mills, or pet stores; you would be smart enough to know that like humans, no two dogs are the same, and none are perfect!

But the sad reality is that even after all your research I am homeless. No thanks to you I was lucky—I ended up in Rescue instead of being euthanized at the shelter where I was dumped! Yes, Mom and Dad, I ended up at the animal shelter with hundreds of other

homeless dogs. That wonderful home you gave me to also dumped me just like you did! I have had five homes in a single year and now am homeless! When I was dumped at the shelter there was not enough room for me. I was scheduled to die and thanks to the Rescue I was saved just minutes before I was to be killed

The Rescue is smarter than you. They know that I am not perfect and they love me for who I am—not for what some stupid book or Web page says I should be!

See "Free to a Good Home" on the Rescue Web site under "Canine Tales."

See "How to Help" on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs. <http://www.hhdane.org/>

FUNDRAISER AT THE BARKPARK

The BarkPark, <http://www.barkpark.org/>, "the only dog park in the United States established solely to raise funds for animal welfare organizations," made our June 16th day at their facility a huge success. Our volunteers also worked hard and Mozart Dane even contributed pawtographed visors and aprons to outfit them for the Rescue's largest fundraiser of the year. Thank you volunteers and BarkPark!



A family affair: Harry Schmidt (Amy's father), Steve Miller (Amy's husband), and Amy Miller staff our BarkPark ice cream stand.



In the BarkPark dog wash area volunteer Jillian Lenczicki takes a brief break while Jim Tomaszewski makes friends with a youngster.

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.org/>



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENT AGAIN A SUCCESS By Christe McGarry

For the past seven years HHGDR has held an annual event with Forest Elementary School (formerly Van Cleve Elementary) in Troy, Ohio. This is a very unique fundraising effort where young children work very hard to raise money, while also learning how to be responsible pet owners.

Each year during the month of May the students are en-



couraged to bring in pennies, nickels, and dimes for the dogs at Harlequin Haven. Throughout the month while the kids are finding various ways to collect money, the staff members take the opportunity to teach the students the importance of spaying and neutering, adopting through rescues and shelters, making a lifetime commitment to their pets, and the proper ways to care for animals.

This event began in 2001 as a little idea which we thought would bring in a small amount money for HHGDR, and has grown to be the one single day of the school year that the students most look forward. And because this is such an exciting day for the children, they are willing to come up with great ways of earning money for the dogs. The reward we provide for their hard work is bringing a few dogs to the school for a day.

There are some pretty amazing stories we hear about each year of how dedicated these young rescuers are to bringing in money for the rescue. This year we learned about Taner who was so excited about helping after our visit last year that she started a piggy bank just for the dogs at HHGDR. Each time she received her allowance she split it between her own piggy bank and the bank she donated to us. We met Darian who set up a lemonade stand after school for several days in May and then donated every bit of money she earned. We spent time

with Brandon who shared with us how he went around his neighborhood mowing lawns just to bring in more money to help the dogs. Then there were Sydney, Christine, and several others who told us about all the yard work and extra cleaning they did at home or at their grandparent's to earn extra money for the dogs. Many students even gave up their school snack money for the dogs. There are just so many wonderful stories of generosity and kindness from these young children. It is truly heart-warming and refreshing to see just how much they care!

This year the school donated \$650 to Harlequin Haven. And, for all their efforts, the students got to spend the day with Bentley, Gia, Jake, Sugar, and Timmy. The photos show just how happy everyone involved was on that day!

A very special thank you goes out to the entire staff at Forest Elementary School, especially Phyllis Dawkins and Linda McGarry who do the majority of



the coordinating for this event each year. And, we also want to thank Sonja Venzin, John Whitacre, and Judy Yacks for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend their entire day at the school with their dogs.

This is a tradition that we hope to continue for many years to come. Not only is it a great fundraiser for HHGDR, but it is also a wonderful way to teach children at a very early age how important they can be in lives of animals.



VOLUNTEERS—our most sincere thanks!

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| Randy & Becky Adams | Jonathan Jennings | Harry Schmidt |
| Kathy Amrein | Jennifer Jones | Nancy Schmidt |
| Dori Baker | Stefvanie & Eamonn Kerri- gan | Sandra Seidman |
| Bernadette & Bob Ball | Jennifer Kisker | Betty Shonebarger |
| Andy & Wendi Beauseau | Samantha Kisker | Matthew Shonebarger |
| Karin Bergquist | Kevin Kremer | Chris & Sherri Simms & family |
| Daniel Blankenship | Erica Lehnig | Charlie Smith |
| Roberto Borjas | Jillian Lenczicki | Erin Stiffler |
| Janet Carleton | Danielle & Megan List | Candy Stoer |
| Dave Corna | Nancy Marconett | Whitney Townsend |
| Don Corsmeier | Thomas Mattingly | Sonja Venzin |
| Mame & Craig Corson | Christe McGarry | John & Melodie Whitacre |
| Sharon, Chelsea, & Evan Dearwester | Brendan McWilliams | Jeff & Betty Whittington |
| Linford Detweiler | Susan Meyer | Jonathan Williams |
| Beth Dotson | Amy & Steve Miller | Craig Yacks |
| Patrick & Emily Egan | Marianne & John Moots | Judy & Tom Yacks |
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| Mary Beth Gettins | Brian & Kelly Owens | <i>Veterinarians</i> |
| Thelma Goris | Danette Patrick | Dan Meakin |
| Juliana Hoetjes | Pandy Pridemore | Lee Schrader |
| Kenny Honaker | Jenni Reinhart | Steve Schrader |
| Dayna Ingram | Jeremy Ritz | |

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VOLUNTEERS

CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPCOMING AWARENESS EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!

Volunteers worked events in Ohio and Kentucky including those at BarkPark; Canine Companion Dog Park; Forest Elementary School; Furry



Twyla & Alex Black show off their dogs CASS, AMY, and RUDY at the SuperPetz Adopt A Thon in Kettering.



John Whitacre (center) with his dogs BART and SUGAR greet customers at TSC.

Scurry; Mingle with Our Mutts; Over the Rhine Concert, 20th Century Theater; Pet aFair; SuperPetz; and Tractor Supply Company.

They also cleaned, groomed dogs, and assisted Mozart in pawtographing clothing and craft items.

Check the Web site for events in your area!
<http://www.hhdane.com/events/events.htm>



RAINBOW BRIDGE—our deepest sympathy



- Boss—Heather Watkins
- Charlie—Kathy Amrein & Roberto Borjas
- Daisy—Randy & Joyce Burnett
- Jack—Alice Murphy
- Jack—Rylee-Ann Romero
- Jack, Lacey, and Woody—Tom & Dale Bath
- Jasmine—Nancy Marconett
- Kayos—Tracie & Donnie Shaw
- Luke AKA Hercules—Jim King
- Magen—Tom & Carolyn French
- Paige & Sammy—Janet Carleton & Dale Francis
- Sam—Zach & Lisa Hemphill
- Sheena—Kate & Sean Halpin



Paw-painted note cards by MOZART are offered on eBay. Blank inside for you to personalize, they make a perfect gift!

RECENT ADOPTIONS—congratulations!

- Forrest—Gary & Lauren Henderson
- Jimmy—Jessica Carrick & Robert Dumchus
- Reggie—Michael & Jessica Enberg
- Ronny—James King (pictured below, right)
- Ruby—Holly Homan Witte (pictured below, left)
- Sally—Erika & Sylvain Marsillac (pictured right)
- Tiara—Greg & Laura Prisco & family (pictured directly below)





DONORS AND SPONSORS—A huge thank you!

Carol Abraham, in memory of Scout Silver

Randy & Becky Adams

Julia Archer

Orthan Bailey

Tracie Balthaser

BarkPark

Merrilee Bauman

Marcie Bayman

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Andy & Wendi Beauseau

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Mame & Craig Corson

Phyllis Dawkins

Sara & Arron Decker

Linford Detweiler

Jane & Ken Dickinson

Beth Dotson

Debbie Eades

Kathryn Earls

Emily Ensor

Donna & Wayne Fanta

Mary Beth Gettins

Thelma Goris

Jeffrey & Barbara Hale

Jeremy Hazelrigg

Austyn Hill

Juliana Hoetjes

Jude Holland

Joey Holmberg

Sibia & Jerry Hopper

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Jim Tomaszewski

Troy City (Ohio) Schools District

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Cullen Wainscott

John & Melodie Whitacre

Dawn Williams

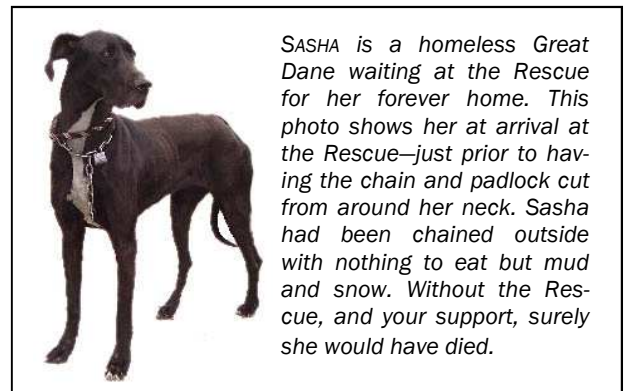
Judy & Tom Yacks

Susan Yurchchuck

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.



SASHA is a homeless Great Dane waiting at the Rescue for her forever home. This photo shows her at arrival at the Rescue—just prior to having the chain and padlock cut from around her neck. Sasha had been chained outside with nothing to eat but mud and snow. Without the Rescue, and your support, surely she would have died.



OUR WISH LIST

Dog

Bedding: blankets, *crocheted/knitted afghans & throws**, sheets (all sizes, fitted & flat)

Beds: dog beds, futon frames & mattresses, mattresses (all sizes), rugs/floor mats

Dog food bowls (stainless steel)

*Dog toys**

*Dog treats**

Grooming products: cotton balls, ear cleaner, flea control (spray, dip, powder), shampoos (any & all types)

Medical supplies, including heartworm preventative

Money for vet bills (payable to All Creatures Animal Hospital but mailed to HHGDR so you will be given proper credit for tax deduction)

Slip leads

Stall rakes (apple pickers) & pooper scoopers (scoop & rake or spade style)

CLEANING

Bleach

Carpet Fresh

Cleaning liquids (*Simple Green**, window cleaner, & others)

*Clorox Outdoor bleach cleaner**

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Dish soap (dishwasher and liquid)

Garbage bags (15-20 & 55 gal)

*Gravel or blacktop for grounds**

Industrial squeegees

Laundry soap

Mop buckets with wringers

Mop heads (commercial type)

Paper towels

SPECIAL

*Minivan**

Gift certificates to pet stores, grocery stores, & department stores

Medical supplies (human)

Money for buying supplies & bills (electric bill, water bill, gas, etc.)

**Highest need*

For the most current Wish List, see "How To Help" on the HHGDR Web site.

INNOVATIVE DONORS INSPIRE

Karin Bergquist and **Linford Detweiler** are founders of **Over the Rhine**, a Cincinnati-based band. These Rescue advocates support and publicize rescue from the stage as they tour across the U.S. and Europe. They also offer space in their performance venue lobby for our awareness displays, enabling us to reach an audience of their fans who often come with money in hand

to purchase band t-shirts and CDs. HHGDR volunteers staffed tables twice in April at the 20th Century Theater in Cincinnati. <http://www.overtherhine.com/>



Courtesy Over the Rhine Web site

Juliana Hoetjes and **Brendan McWilliams** are Great Dane owners and lovers of the breed, but had no prior connection with the Rescue until this year. Brendan is a Lacrosse coach at Kenyon College and the couple decided to hold fundraisers at two home games. HHGDR provided the materials and advice for setting up an awareness display, and it worked!. Juliana and Brendan raised more than \$500 at those two games.

You too can help! Every little bit can help provide for a homeless dog.



Visit our Web site often—your next best friend may be there waiting for you!

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 55 Great Danes, 8 Saint Bernards, 1 other breed, and 3 mixed breeds waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1218 Great Danes and other dogs.

HHGDR eBay Fundraising Auctions



Keep an eye on the HHGDR eBay fundraising auctions! New items go up every week.

Visit <http://www.hhdane.org/> to link to all our auctions.

Debbie Eades, author of *Every Rescued Dog Has a*



Tale: Stories from the Dog Rescue Railroad, donated copies to sell.



Pawtographed hand towels, great for Dane drool, have proven popular.

Mozart expanded to wooden items such as trinket boxes and a tray.



We have many items large and small that would make fabulous gifts!

A sincere thanks to our supporters who both donated and purchased items!

And thanks to Louise Peterson, Dane Sculptor, for donating her work.

