



A TALE OF TWO DANES

My sister and I have been together most all of our lives, we are all we have!

We have never had the love, kindness, or a gentle touch that most others get—at least when they are puppies.

The day we were purchased we came home to live outside. Rain, snow, sleet, or shine we lived outside. Our dog house consists of a metal shed; our food is the cheapest Mom can buy.

People drive by and see us and we see the tears in their eyes, but no one helps us, no one cares.

One winter day some men showed up and took us away, they said we were emaciated, they said we were dehydrated. We were terrified. “Who were these people? Why were they doing this to us?” We did not understand.

We spent our first Christmas inside a won-

derful vet’s office receiving love, kindness, and touching—that gentle touch we had never before felt. We were warm and fed lots of good food. Slowly we started to trust and we wanted to love these nice people. But then our world came falling in!

Early one morning they came to take us to the lobby and who was there but our Mom! I begged them, “Please don’t let her take us! Please God save us once again!” My pleas went unanswered. As Mom dragged us away I looked back to see the tears running down the faces of our new friends.

They said Mom was related to people in high places, they said Mom promised to take proper care of us, they said Mom promised a lot of things.

Well it is now New Year’s Day we are cold, thirsty, and hungry. We are outside in our metal shed and again all we have is each other. There is no happy ending for us.

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MOZART’S ART UPDATE

Mozart Dane had his first art opening at the Mac Worthington Art Gallery in December during the Short North Art District’s Holiday Art Hop in Columbus. Many supporters came out despite the winter weather, and “Mo” and his “bodyguard” Gracie were there to greet them.

The next “meet the artist” event was held at Milton’s Tavern in Cincinnati. Again Mo won the hearts of the crowd and three of his paw paintings sold.

Several events during the summer festival season are planned—watch the Events page of the Rescue Web site for dates.

If you’ve had your eye on a particular painting, don’t delay. We even have layaway available. And remember funds from painting purchases go directly to help the homeless dogs. For more on Mozart, his paw paintings, his story, and his mission, see the Web site.



A very big thanks to everyone who voted online for Mozart in the Bissell Pet Photo contest. Mo made it into the finals! The winner will be announced later this spring.

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run organization.
Donations are tax-
deductible!*



GOING OUT OF TOWN? Dane Home Alone?

Solutions for caring for your dog while you are away can be difficult to find. Below are some options, and concerns to be aware of beyond checking references.

“College students as dog sitters rock!”

—Tom Mattingly

College students provide in-home care

If you live near a college town, a under-utilized resource can be found there: college students. Pet-loving students can be found who will jump at the chance to leave the dorm and stay at your house with your fur kids. Of course proper screening of these potential sitters is a must, but many have enjoyed great success. And the ability to go off to a week-long work conference practically guilt free is a godsend.

HHGDR adopter Tom Mattingly said “I returned to dogs that, while they were happy we were home, wondered where their new friend had gone. The students are happy to have a great way to make extra money, and both the dogs and the house are watched while we’re gone. College students as dog sitters rock!”

Professional pet sitters make rounds

There are very good professional pet sitters

out there who will stop by your home and care for your dog. However, many Danes do not like to be left alone for hours—such as at night when life-threatening conditions such as bloat are more likely to occur.

Fellow Dane lovers take dogs “in”

Another option is a knowledgeable friend or colleague who welcome your dog into their home while you are away. Christe McGarry, a fellow HHGDR adopter, is one of these.

Boarding Kennels and Vets

There are many fine boarding kennels but it is very rare that a kennel or vet office is staffed overnight. As Danes are susceptible to bloat (especially when stressed), and bloat most often occurs during the night, this is a real cause for concern. Kennels where the owners live on the grounds seem to be more likely to at least have rounds in the evening, but be sure to find out expressly when the kennel is staffed.

BLIZZARD OF MARCH '08 The Rescue and Sanctuary dogs play



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/>



OLD DANES, NEW LOVE by Lisa Huelkamp

Being the “parents” of three older Danes has been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling acts of our lives. Shadow found us when she was a year and a half, so we have an understanding of what is like to have a young dog. We enjoyed her energy and enthusiasm. When we had the opportunity to bring in another family member into our home, Doc joined us, also a rescue, at the age of four. He was past the puppy stage but still very active. Again, he was a joy to us and showed us how wonderful the male Danes could be.



Doc, age 9, playing with SHADOW, age 7.

Our two furry kids are now seven and nine. While we wouldn't trade a minute of our lives with Doc and Shadow, nothing compares to the love and appreciation we have for them now. They have really come into their own—their personalities are developed and so has their sense of humor, ability to trust, and desire to show affection. They are full of strength, determination, and passion. It is as though they realize how far they come and, in fact, how far they've helped Ben and me to grow.

Yes, there are times when it is challenging for all of us. Older dogs begin to experience ailments that come from longer, perhaps hard, lives. They move slower than before, and their coats turn gray. It is really no different than what one experiences with older parents in some ways by making adjustments as needed and staying attuned to their needs to make life comfortable and pleasurable. We've fought several health issues including Doc's cancer, but have been extremely fortunate. We attribute this to fact that we keep the dogs in an

active lifestyle with walks and fresh air; healthy treats and always in moderation to keep the calories down; consistency with maintenance and preventative vet visits; and human-grade dog food.

Our latest family addition has been one of the best of all; Brandy came from the pound at the age of 11. She is full of life and rules the roost. She is brilliant, stubborn, loud, and knows how to melt one's heart. Extremely affectionate, she loves to be cuddled and holds her plastic toy like Linus' blanket. Her brindle coat is nearly completely gray and her back sags similar to an aged horse in pasture. Now 13, she is still amazing and beautiful.

When the five of us take walks or pile on the sectional couch together, life feels complete. It reminds me of when family gathers around the Thanksgiving table—everyone coming home to a comfortable and peaceful place to reminisce and reflect, older and wiser and more at peace than years before.



BRANDY, age 12, enjoying the sun.

Our old Danes give this to us every day and our love for them is renewed. Here is to the old Danes for sharing their life's wisdom with the rest of us.

For more happy families see:

<http://www.hhdane.org/success/success.htm>

SANCTUARY DOGS Get their Own Web Page

The Dogs

Sanctuary Dogs have always had a place at HHGDR, but now they get to tell their stories online with a page dedicated to them. Sanctuary Dogs are those who are not adoptable due to medical conditions or other circumstances. HHGDR provides a safe, warm, and loving home for these special dogs.

BEBE, CARRIE, DONNY, GRACIE, GUINNESS, JENNI, MOZART, OLIVER, and PAM want you to know that no matter whatever else has happened in their lives, they now feel safe and loved.

For more on the Sanctuary Dogs see:

<http://www.hhdane.org/sanctuary/sanctuary.htm>

Sponsorship

On the new Sanctuary Dog page there is a place next to each dog's name for a sponsor. Sponsorship is a great way to open your heart to a rescued dog, even if you can't open your home to one. For \$10 per month or \$100 per year the Rescue will choose a dog for you. A certificate and your choice of a letter and photo or a greeting card from your dog will be sent to you or as a gift.



Thanks to your support BEBE can live out her days at HHGDR.

For more on sponsorships see:

<http://www.hhdane.org/howtohelp/sponsor/sponsorinfo.htm>



VOLUNTEERS—our most sincere thanks!

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

Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS at work!

Volunteers worked awareness and fundraising events all around Ohio. HHGDR would love to put you to work too!

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



Chuck Hegland and EINSTEIN staff the HHGDR table at the Over the Rhine Winter Holiday concert at the Taft Theatre in Cincinnati.



These volunteer elves helped at Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser hosted by Bernie Ball's Strictly Dogs day care. L to R: Sonja Venzin with son Anthony; Casey Hayslip.



RAINBOW BRIDGE—our deepest sympathy

Bob—Craig & Mame Corson

Duke—Howard & Ryan Harmon

Hutch—Beth & Todd Lukemire,

Jason, JB, and Zoe—Tom & Dale Bath

Lexus—Ron & Barb Meese

Milo AKA Buster Brown—Howard Stewart

Muldoon—Christine & Adam Vrooman, &
Pellegrino Ciccarello

Samson—Dave & Laura Walsh

Samson—Victoria Davidson

Style—Andréa A. Delaplane

Tasha—John, Eunice, & Wyatt Ravenna

Zach “Silly” Witte—Holly Homan Witte

RECENT ADOPTIONS—congratulations!

Cami—Barbara & Peter D’Onofrio

Eddy—Toni & Keith Mulford

Frankie & Jesse—Stacie & Gary Schafer

Harmony—Autumn & Matt Goldsmith

Hope—Zack Boll

Jayce—Judy & Tom Yacks

Jessica—Barry & Diana Tucker

Lucy—Sue Cummins & Arlene Horton

Male Pup One—Dori & Brad Baker

Matt—Carol Thompson

Sasha—John & Eunice Ravenna

Toby—Katie & Dan Blankenship

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



*Just a few of this quarter's happy endings.
L to R: SASHA (L) with John & Eunice Ra-
venna, EDDY with Toni & Keith Mulford,
and JESSICA with Barry & Diana Tucker.*

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Sandra & Gabriel Seidman	William Traub	<i>Without you, we would not be able to save them.</i>
Betty Shonebarger	Sonja & Gabriel Venzin	<i>Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone from our lists,</i>
Chris, Sherrie, Bailey, Abbi, & Catie Sims	Denae Viera	
	Christine Vrooman, in memory of Muldoon	

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

Carpet Fresh

Cleaning liquids (*Simple Green**, bleach, window cleaner, dish soap, laundry soap, & others)

*Clorox Outdoor bleach cleaner**

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Garbage bags (15–20 & 55 gal)

*Gravel or blacktop for grounds**

Industrial squeegees

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.

<http://www.hhdane.org/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm>



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

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 59 Great Danes, 8 Saint Bernards, 1 Boxer, and 6 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1248 Great Danes and other dogs.

HHGDR eBay Fundraising Auctions



Keep an eye on the HHGDR eBay fundraising auctions!

New items usually go up every week.

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

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

Along with "pawtographing"



clothing and accessories, **Mozart** continues to paint abstract art works.

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

