

## NO GUARANTEES By A Homeless Dog

There are no guarantees in life! You may think there are but you are wrong as usual. For instance, dumb humans think getting a puppy will guarantee that when it grows up that no matter what it will work in their home! Wrong!

Just like with humans, personalities and temperaments develop over time. Yes, some have to do with the environment and hereditary but we still all develop in our own ways to be our own individuals. So many humans just assume that the puppy will learn what is right or wrong but that does not happen without training.

Most humans assume that because a puppy is raised with another dog it will love the other dog. Yes, the puppy may live in harmony with the other dog 99% of the time but just like children dogs fight. As humans you are supposed to be the smart ones and learn to train and correct us dogs. Unfortunately that seldom happens. Just remember no two of us are exactly alike!



MARIE

So next time you go looking for a cute puppy to raise so it works out in your home, remember that all the homeless dogs started out as puppies and their owners thought the same stupid thought—that no matter what, we could be molded to perfectly fit their life style.



LEESA



ALICIA

Just remember we are not clay that can be molded to suit—we are living breathing creatures who have our own personalities! Love us for who we are, not who you think we should be.

After all isn't that what you'd expect us to do?

*Alicia, Leesa, and Marie are Great Danes looking for homes.*

See <http://hhdane.org/danes/1danelist.htm> for complete list of homeless Danes.

## ARE YOUR PETS PROTECTED?

No, we are not asking about fences, vaccinations, or heartworm. We are asking if your pets are protected if something should happen that would make it impossible for you to keep them and take care of them.

Most people with minor children have appointed a trusted relative or friend to take responsibility for them in case of death or disability, but very few people have thought about what would happen to their pets if disaster should strike.

It is not enough that you make provision in your will for their care. By the time your will is read, your pets could already have been

euthanized or turned over to the local animal shelter.

The **first** thing you should do is ask a trusted relative or friend if she is willing to assume responsibility for your pets. If that person consents, the **second** thing you should do is prepare and sign a written document stating your wishes concerning your pets and give it to your pets' guardian.

If any of your dogs were adopted from HHGDR, *make sure* that the first thing that guardian does is notify the Rescue. Finally, in your will, you should provide for the financial support of your pets to the best of your ability .

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**Dane-Soon** by MOZART.  
8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

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deductible!**



## OBEDIENCE: WHY DO WE NEED IT?

**Y**ou have probably noticed that we recommend obedience training for all dogs going up for adoption. There are several reasons for this. A well mannered dog is a happy dog, and a dog that is well behaved is welcome wherever dogs are allowed. All dogs benefit from training, but this is especially true for large dogs. Because of their size, Great Danes can cause injury without meaning to. A Dane that jumps up to put her paws on the chest or shoulders of a small child or an elderly person will knock them over. You don't have to be frail or unsteady on your feet for this to happen. A boisterous dog can floor any unsuspecting person.

There are other benefits from obedience training. Basic obedience training—especially in a class with other people and their dogs—enhances your relationship with your dog and at the same time helps to socialize the dog with other people and dogs. Training will enable you to communicate with your dog. She wants to please you, but if she doesn't understand what you want from her, she will be confused and unhappy.

How do you choose a trainer or training class? Police or military training is not suitable for the average dog owner. Dogs that are trained to be aggressive can be dangerous when not handled properly. Avoid teaching your dog anything that might be interpreted as aggressive.

Do not hand your dog over to someone else to train. You want your dog to obey you and bond with you. Choose a trainer or school that

teaches you to train your dog. Even though you have trained other dogs in the past, your new dog will benefit from training in a class with other dogs. If the trainer uses physical punishment to correct disobedience or takes the leash from you (without your permission) to work with the dog, take your dog out of the class and ask for your money back.

What type of training is best? There are several ways of teaching your dog good manners, but the ones that use positive reinforcement are generally accepted as the best. This means reward for good behavior and withholding reward for bad behavior. The reward usually is praise and more praise for obedience to a command. Some training methods use treats as a reward, but remember that in everyday life you may not always have a treat with you to reward your dog when she comes to you when called or sits on command.

Basic obedience teaches the dog to walk at heel, sit, stay, down, and come. You may discover that you and your dog enjoy the training sessions so much that you wish to continue. There are advanced courses available. You might want to go into agility training or maybe you would like to be able to take your dog to hospitals or nursing homes to visit.

There are a lot of books on dog obedience training available. Check out your local library or book store. Barnes & Noble and Amazon have a wide choice. Whatever choice you make, do your dog and yourself a favor—give obedience training serious thought.

*Reprinted from the Spring 2003 HHGDR Newsletter.*

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



**Mo's Memories** by Mo-ZART. 9 x 12", acrylic on canvas.

## ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has been a Rescue since 1992, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit since 1998, and to date has placed 1,349 dogs, primarily Great Danes, in carefully screened homes. Serving all of Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana, we currently have 38 dogs available for adoption. In addition, the Rescue houses Sanctuary Dogs living out their lives in the safe environment of the Rescue (the latter unadoptable for health, age, or other conditions).

Unlike many large nonprofits with paid employees and directors receiving large salaries, such as HSUS, ASPCA, and Red Cross, HHGDR has no paid employees. Not one person receives any financial compensation for the work they do for the Rescue.

The only pay anyone receives is the gratification of helping the homeless dogs, as well as dog kisses and hugs!

### HHGDR Mission Statement

**To** educate people about spay/neuter and the need for sterilization of all pets, proper health care of a pet, and nutritional requirements.

**To** promote humane principles, to protect homeless, abandoned, and mistreated Great Danes, and other animals as space allows.

**To** work with animal shelters and humane societies to protect Great Danes.

**To** locate life-long homes for the homeless Great Danes and any other animal in our care.

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 [janel.carleton@gmail.com](mailto:janel.carleton@gmail.com).

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



## WAYS TO HELP THE RESCUE

### Sponsor a Homeless Dog

Would you love to adopt a dog, but just can't right now? Sponsoring a homeless dog is a great way to open your heart to a rescued dog, even if you can't open your home to one. Sponsorships also make great gifts!

Sponsorship is \$10 per month or \$100 per year. HHGDR will choose a dog for you and send you a certificate and your choice of an 8.5 x 11 letter and picture from your dog or a greeting card suitable for your type of sponsorship.

We will also let you know when he has been adopted. Just fill out the sponsorship form and send it along with your sponsorship donation or donate and send online.

### Wish List (Highest Need)

- Clorox Outdoor Bleach
- Crocheted/knitted afghans & throws
- Dog toys
- Dog treats
- Gravel for grounds
- Minivan to transport dogs
- Simple Green cleaner

For the complete Wish List, see "[How To Help](#)" on the Web site.

### Memorials

Our site also provides a way to place a permanent memorial on our "In Memory Of" Web page. Your tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more will add a picture of your pet and short text of 20 words or less.

Photos and your personal text may be e-mailed to [memory@hhdane.org](mailto:memory@hhdane.org) or sent by regular mail. We will also scan your picture for you (please send a self-addressed stamped envelope).

You can send donations through PayPal or by a personal check.

See "[How To Help](#)" on the Rescue Web site for all these ways to help..

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all-volunteer-  
run non-  
profit  
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### Profit Partners

These organizations are willing to donate a percentage of profits to Harlequin Haven. Please patronize them for the dogs' sake. Be sure to indicate that you are from HHGDR.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Christe McGarry

**Bio:** Hometown: Troy, Ohio; Current city: Mason, Ohio. Occupation: Cisco contract management at CompuCom Systems.

**Owned by:** Two Great Danes, Gia and Brody; a Yellow Lab, Jake; and a cat, Bailey.

**Current HHGDR work:** Adoption appointments, awareness events, grooming days, and Purina weight circles.

**HHGDR History:** Adopted first Dane and began volunteering in 1999. Since then have adopted 4 amazing and beautiful Great Danes that have brought more happiness to my life than I can put into words. Also involved with many aspects of the Rescue since that time including transports and serving on board of directors.

**High points:** The days when I am at the Rescue and get to see dogs go to their forever homes. And the great and memorable day when HHGDR opened the doors to the new Rescue building following the 1999 fire.





## VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

HHGDR is an all-volunteer-run nonprofit 501(c)(3). Donations are tax-deductible!

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

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## VOLUNTEERS—We couldn't do it without you!



Pam and Devon Kassner hold ZACK at Grooming Day at the Rescue.

Volunteers are called upon to perform many much needed tasks. Some travel to the Rescue for Grooming Day to lavish attention on the dogs and to give the dogs an opportunity to make friends with new people. Some work at awareness and fundraising events all around our adoption region. Others help with cleaning and up-keep of the Rescue facility and transporting dogs & supplies. Still others help with activities such as writing for the newsletter, collecting proofs of purchase, and PR.

Many awareness events are held at festivals and pet suppliers such as Petsmart and Pet Supplies Plus. Volunteers set up a table with educational material provided by the Rescue and bring their dogs along. People enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that need forever homes. Volunteers also educate on the pet store/puppy mill connection and the need for spay/neuter of all pets.

HHGDR would love to put **you** to work helping the homeless dogs! Please check the Rescue site for events in your area. <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



Beth Sedlock works an awareness event at Petsmart Polaris with PACO and ALEX



## RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Bailey Maureen—Karen & Mike Callinan  
 Buddy—Sara & Kevin McDaniel  
 Casey—Ed Luksic  
 Charlotte—Brian Reigelsperger  
 Clyde—Barbara & Mark Powers  
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Kari Esmerelda—Carol Jones  
 Leo—John & Mary Donovan  
 Lucy—Chris & Sherrie Sims  
 Manny—Amy & Steve Miller  
 Peggy Sue—Paul & Meredith Glassman  
 Skyler—Samantha & Daniel Barnett  
 Tyson—Bob & Bernie Ball  
 William Ports—Margaret Ports

See “**How to Help**” on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.

## RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Berkley—Ed Luksic

Breilia—Stephen Smith

Chase & Charles—Ray Chesnick

Danica aka Ruby—Arlene Horton & Sue Cummins

Hector—Sarah & Bryan Fury

Johnny—Molly Huston

Logan & Payden—Samantha & Danny Barnett

Sandy—Mary Long

Shawn—Amanda & Chad Robinson

Sterling—Stephanie & Judson Linder



*Just a few of recent happy endings. Clockwise from top:*

*JOHNNY, CHASE AND CHARLES, SANDY, DANICA, and BRIELIA.*





## DONORS & SPONSORS—A Huge Thank You!

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Judy & Tom Yacks

***Thank You!***



## HERE IN THIS HOUSE—The Dream of the Adopted Dog By an unknown author

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs “out there.”  
 I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.  
 I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.  
 I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.  
 I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness,  
 and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.  
 My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.  
 Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.  
 I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand,  
 I can enjoy the warmth of the words.  
 I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.  
 My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!  
 Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.  
 I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves.  
 I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.  
 I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.  
 I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.  
 If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.  
 Here in this house...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch...  
 knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.  
 If I am ill, I will be doctored.  
 If scared, I will be calmed.  
 If sad, I will be cheered.  
 No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.  
 I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.  
 My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.  
 I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.  
 Here in this house...  
 I will belong.  
 I will be home.

## MOZART DANE'S Crafts & Apparel



Mo has a back stock of craft items—and he's decided to sell them to make room for his paintings. These pawtographed items are available for purchase directly from the Rescue Web site.

Mo has no plans to make crafts in the future, and each item is one of a kind—no two will be exactly alike. As we sort through the craft items more may become available. Once these unique items are gone, they're gone.

Apparel items feature Mo's paw print and name, and include T-shirts, tank tops, ball caps, and visors. Gift and tote bags also feature paw prints. Magnets, frames, and hot pads feature Mo's free-form paw painting technique.



Show the world your support for Mo and the Rescue, and remember, all proceeds go to care for the homeless dogs at the Rescue!

See <http://hhdane.org/mozart/crafts.htm> or e-mail [mozart@hhdane.org](mailto:mozart@hhdane.org)

## THANK YOU!

*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 of donors and volunteers, we sincerely apologize.*



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 31 Great Danes, 5 other breeds, and 2 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1349 dogs.*

## ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art



Mo's portrait on his Twitter page, designed and donated by @WaysideWaifs' graphic artist.

Mozart had a successful festival season with the aid of Rescue volunteers, and his sidekick Gracie, working art festivals in Cincinnati, Dayton, Urbana, and Yellow Springs.

Mo paints with his paws to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs. Sales of his art help support the Rescue. If you know of a space that works with local artists, that would be a good match for Mo's work, please e-mail Mozart at [mozart@hhdane.org](mailto:mozart@hhdane.org).

To view and purchase Mo's paintings and crafts, and find out about upcoming events,

please see <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.

To interact with Mo online, visit him on [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), or [Facebook](#).



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The Golden Day-ne by MOZART.  
18 x 24", acrylic on canvas.