

## “A DOG WITH EXPERIENCE” By Tom Mattingly

Right now at the Rescue, half of the dogs available for adoption are more than 6 years old. To many potential adopters, this takes them out of the realm of consideration—as we know, our beloved giant breeds don’t have the lifespan of many smaller breeds—the heartbreak of losing them seems all that much closer.

But there’s another way to look at these bundles of love. Rather than thinking of them as “senior dogs” or “old dogs”, I think we should consider them “dogs with experience.” Think of it this way—when you hire someone to landscape, will you hire the guy coming down the street dragging a shovel, or the company that has created new environments for hundreds of people? By choosing a dog with experience, you get all of the benefits of the training that others have given, and all of the love they’re waiting to give.



SCARLETT

The reality is that our companions—of any age or breed—don’t come with a guarantee. We recently learned that our youngest—who

we got from the Rescue at eight weeks—will most likely be the first to go, at 4 ½, from lymphoma. As hard as that diagnosis and prognosis is, we wouldn’t trade one minute of the time we’ve had or have left with Jake, and wouldn’t change the decision to adopt him if we could go back.

The same can be said of the dogs with experience. At any age, their personalities and open hearts come into our homes and take over our lives. They bring with them their experiences to share with you, just as you do with them. They have developed full personalities and are able to relate to you on a different level than a pup. Bringing one into your home is an experience that, no matter how long it lasts, will change your life.



CALEB

You’d look for an experienced mechanic if you had a problem with your car—next time you’re ready to adopt, consider “a dog with experience.”

## Top 10 Reasons to Adopt an Older Dog

- Older dogs are housetrained. You won’t have to go through the difficult stages of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping up after (multiple) accidents.
- Older dogs are not teething puppies, and won’t chew your shoes and furniture while growing up.
- Older dogs can focus well because they’ve mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.
- Older dogs have learned what “no” means. If they hadn’t learned it, they wouldn’t have gotten to be “older” dogs.
- Older dogs settle in easily because they’ve learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.
- Older dogs are good at giving love, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they’ve been given.
- What you see is what you get. Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.
- Older dogs are instant companions, ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.
- Older dogs leave you time for yourself, because they don’t make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.
- Older dogs let you get a good night’s sleep because they’re accustomed to human schedules and don’t generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

The Senior Dog Network <http://www.srdogs.com>

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*I am not a guard dog.*

*I am not a babysitter.*

*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 in a animal shelter today.*

—HHGDR Resident

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### “SOCIAL MEDIA MO” –Mozart Dane goes Web 2.0

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

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

—Mozart

Mozart has been expanding his horizons! Not content to just visit with admirers in person at his artist’s receptions and art festivals throughout our region—he’s now reaching out to the rest of the world through social media.

Under the **Twitter** name of “mozartdane” he has amassed nearly 800 “followers.” Followers subscribe to his short messages which include his conversations with others on the free networking service.

Other places you’ll find Mo are **Facebook** and **Flickr**. Facebook is a social networking site where regular people have “friends,” and celebrities, like Mo, have “fans.”

Flickr is an image sharing site where photos of Mo and his paintings can be found. Users can comment on images and mark them as favorites.



All of these sites allow non-members to visit, just without full interactivity. So please click and visit Mo in his quest for wider outreach.

<http://twitter.com/mozartdane>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/hhgdr>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mozart-Dane/26783929797>

Or, just visit them all through Mo’s Web site at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>

### THINK “GREEN” IN SPRING CLEANING—for the sake of your pets



Jack in the Paw-IPit by Mozart. 8 x 10”, acrylic on canvas

Think GREEN when it comes to lawn care and household cleaning this spring, and save your pets from contact with toxic substances. That perfect lawn is probably **not** worth the chemical exposure to both you and your fur kids.

There are also ways to save money by using common household substances for such tasks. For example, vinegar, salt, and boiling water are all remedies for weeds sprouting along sidewalks and driveways.

For household cleaning there are a number of GREEN brands that are becoming easier and easier to find. Remember, your pets

spend much of their time close to the floor, in contact with whatever you last cleaned your floors with. ECOVER, LifeTree, and Seventh Generation (and others), make effective non-toxic plant-based cleaners for all surfaces, and even laundry soap and non-chlorine bleach.

Cheap cleaning solutions include baking soda as a great scrub for many hard surfaces and vinegar for hard water deposit removal, even in the toilet (hey, stop drinking out of there!). Many many recipes and tips are available on the Web. Happy Earth Day!

### SOME BOYS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU—and follow you home



LOGAN is a Mastiff



SNEAK is a Dane-Catahoula mix



ZACK is a Great Dane

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## OUR WISH LIST

### Dog

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

Beds: dog beds, futon frames & mattresses, mattresses (all sizes except king)

Dog food bowls (stainless steel)

*Dog toys\**

*Dog treats\**

Grooming products: 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

### CLEANING

Carpet Fresh

Cleaning products (*Clorox Outdoor Bleach\**, *Simple Green\**, bleach, dishwasher soap, laundry soap, liquid dish soap, window cleaner)

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Garbage bags (15-20 & 55 gal)

Mop buckets with wringers

Mop heads (commercial type)

Paper towels

Squeegees (industrial type)

### OFFICE & BUILDING SUPPLIES

Fans (box & other)

File cabinets

Gift certificates for Nickerson's, FedEx Office (formerly Kinko's), Office Depot

*Gravel for grounds\**

Labels (Avery 5160 1x2 5/8")

Pooper scoopers (scoop & spade style)

Printer cartridges (HP inkjet 56 & 57)

Rugs & floor mats

Stamps

Tape (duct & packing)

### SPECIAL

*Minivan to transport the dogs\**

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

Medical supplies (human)

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

Soft drinks or bottled water for volunteers

*\*Highest need*

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

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

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

## A SPECIAL THANKS from HHGDR Director Dale Bath

On February 7, I had the misfortune to fall and crush my wrist. I want to give a special thanks to all the volunteers that jumped in to make sure the dogs were cared for in every way.

I will never be able to thank you all enough and I appreciate you putting your lives on hold for the dogs and me. Volunteers handled the day-

to-day operation as well as opening for adoption appointments, all without missing a beat. I am so grateful to all for their love and devotion to the dogs.

Additionally, I want to thank all that brought food for my husband and me, and even sent baskets of goodies. **Thank You!**

### Don't forget Heartworm Preventative!

Your dog will thank you. Heartworm is prevalent in Ohio, and once your dog is infested, it is an expensive and life-threatening illness. Keep your pet on preventative all year long for the best protection.



## VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

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

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## VOLUNTEERS At Work!

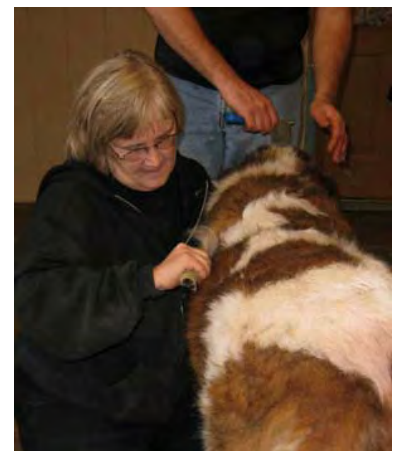
Volunteers continued their work at awareness and fundraising events all around our adoption region. They traveled to the Rescue for Grooming Day to lavish attention on the dogs and to give the dogs an opportunity to make friends with new people. They hosted photos with Santa, wrote for the newsletter and Web, created graphics, worked with transporting Mo's paintings, dug post holes to replace fencing, transported dogs, schlepped heavy bags of kibble, scooped poop, scrubbed down walls, and performed many many other much needed tasks.

HHGDR would love to put **you** to work helping the homeless dogs! Please check the Rescue Web site for events in your area.

Attention volunteers: please send photos of your events to the director—you may see them turn up here.



Jeff Peer gives DAWN a much appreciated brushing during Grooming Day.



Judy Yacks gets down to BARRY's level during Grooming Day at the Rescue.



## RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Bailey—Tuja Stuard

Britney—Nancy Marconett

Candi and Blaine—Tom & Dale Bath

Casey—Margaret & Bill Ports

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Newton—Carol Thompson

Rayne—Richard & Kimberley Lagrou

Shasta AKA Savah—Sue Smith

Sheila—John & Marilouise Roth

Zeus—Samantha & Daniel Barnett

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

## RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Aaron—James Sharrock & Andrea Langworthy

Annabelle—Tom & Judy Yacks

Austin—John & Cathy Conn

Blair—Richard & Shelley Segulin

Bobbi—Laura & Randy Shelley

Dora—Kristine Blazey & Terri Mallery

Doug—Greg & Jean Ruehlmann

Georgie—Scott Brown & Scott Heimlich

Hector—Douglas & Mary Hull

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Joey—Ryan Liersemann

Joplin—Sarah Hegner

Lennon—Dan & Katie Blankenship

Lola—Beth Knies

Madison—Lauren & Chris Seither

Olivia—Rebecca & James Klabusich

Perry—Pamela & Wayne Keller

Pierce—Elizabeth & Mike Sedlock

Rhett—Karen & Mike Callinan

Rosie—Ed Firth & Cindy Orlasky

Savanna—Steve Moenter & Brenda Batyske

Tommy—Ken & Kelly Eiker

Trent—Marcus Creaturo & Jenessa Davis

*Just a few of recent happy endings. L to R: JOEY, AARON, ROSIE, and JOPLIN.*





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*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 do-  
 nors and volunteers, we sincerely  
 apologize.*

**HHGDR is an all volunteer-run  
 nonprofit, supported by your do-  
 nations.** As your own expenses  
 have risen, so have the Res-  
 cue's, and dramatically so. Utili-  
 ties, dog food, car repairs, and  
 veterinary care are examples of  
 the large expenses the Rescue  
 faces every day. Please reach  
 deep into your pockets for what-  
 ever you can afford. Every little  
 bit helps the dogs—dogs that  
 owe their lives to HHGDR.

*—Thank you for whatever you  
 can afford*



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**LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...**

We have 29 Great Danes, 7 other breeds, and 2 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1320 dogs.

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## ART WITH A MISSION—Paintings by Mozart Dane



Spring Gar-Dane by Mozart. 9 x 12", acrylic on canvas

Mozart recently had two great shows in Columbus: Three Dog Bakery in the Short North Arts District and Barcelona Restaurant in German Village. Three Dog Bakery exhibited Mo's art through the winter and spring, while Barcelona exhibited through the month of March. Thanks to both these businesses for supporting Rescue, and, thanks all that came out to support Mo!

For those in the Cincinnati area, Mo is coming to your neighborhood next! From May 9 to June 9 see Mo's work at Milton's The Prospect Hill Tavern, and, please come out to meet the artist himself on the evening of May 16. Entertainment that evening will include Dan

Meakin "The Singing Vet."

Mo paints with his paws to help support the Rescue and to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs. He is always looking for new venues where he can display his paintings. If you know of a gallery, restaurant, or other space that works with local artists, please send Mo the name of the establishment, contact name, phone number, and address. He'll get his people on it right away—and you could have Mozart's work shown in your own neighborhood! Email Mozart at [mozart@hhdane.org](mailto:mozart@hhdane.org)

To view Mo's paintings and find out about his upcoming events, please see <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.