

A FOREVER HOME? By Homeless Dogs at the Rescue

You promised me a forever home yet you dumped me! How could you? Why would you? What did I do that was so wrong? Can you answer me?

You promised to love me forever, yet today when you dumped me you did not shed a tear—you turned your back on me! You acted as if I was dirt under your feet! How could you turn off your love for me? I wish it was as easy for me. You meant the world to me. I would have given my life for you and I thought you felt the same of me.



ALINA

Now I lay here at the Rescue alone and confused! Yes there are other dogs here, and yes my new grandma is trying to make me feel better, but they can not explain it to me!



KATIE

You see, to folks at the Rescue, love between man and dog is a forever commitment, not one to be taken lightly. The words “till death do us part” mean something here—too bad they meant nothing to you!

How could you dump me? Why would you dump me?

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RESOURCES: Keeping Your Dogs During Hard Times

Losing a house is tough—no matter what the circumstances—and in today's economy we're seeing more and more of that. Our hopes and prayers are that it stops soon, both for our Rescue family members who may be facing obstacles, and the fur kids they love so much.

But while losing a house is one of the hardest things a person can go through, it doesn't necessarily mean that you can't take your dog with you.

Of course, the Rescue will be there for our kids no matter what, but keeping them with their family is a little stability in an otherwise out-of-control situation.

Some resources are out there to help keep families and their pets together. Many rental homes and apartments do allow pets; see <http://www.peoplewithpets.com/states/ohio.asp>. While apartment life isn't always the best option, it can be a temporary fix to allow time for a family to get back on their feet. It's true that the Rescue guidelines discourage apartments. But if apartment-living is an option, let the Rescue know so that the best outcome can happen for all. We can even be of help in some situations where landlords may not understand the breed

characteristics beyond the famous size.

There are also resources available to keep the dogs fed and healthy. Many food banks for humans also stock foods for pets, and friends and family often are willing to help. Resources are available online and through veterinarians, pet supply stores, and trainers. There are also low cost vaccination clinics and general veterinarian care available, often through the pet supply stores or local rescue organizations. Universities with vet schools can also be a resource—for the privilege of having a living, breathing patient, some schools will allow students (supervised by or led by a licensed veterinarian) to examine pets at no or reduced costs.

We also want to keep in touch with you during any struggles, for the good of both the humans and the dogs involved.

When all else is going badly, the love and devotion of the family pet is a comfort that is hard to replace. After all, they only ask for your love and devotion in return, and with a little help, keeping them in your life can be an attainable goal.



Paw Horse by MOZART. 18 x 24", acrylic on canvas

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THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO By Tom Mattingly

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AWARENESS
EVENTS IN
YOUR AREA!**



Spicey Dane by MOZART.
8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

In the end, as it goes for non-profit organizations, we are very fortunate. We have a dedicated core of volunteers who regularly come to the Rescue to work with the dogs, maintain the buildings, clean, and do innumerable tasks that most of the general public would shrink from.

We have an extended family of volunteers who work in their communities, attending awareness events, coordinating fundraisers, playing an integral part in the application and adoption process for new adopters, and act as the eyes and ears of the Rescue in the cities and towns that are far from Bethel.

We have an even larger network of friends and family who subscribe to our e-mail list, provide financial contributions that are so vital to our survival, gather cell phones and printer cartridges, and give love and forever homes to our furry kids.

We have people who are only loosely associated with the Rescue—the extended families of our extended families, the people who see us in the newspaper or at an awareness event and just want to help, and the businesses that support us by hosting events and Mozart openings while asking for nothing in return.

Things don't always go smoothly, I'll admit. Sometimes things get missed, sometimes that twenty-fifth hour of the day can't be found, sometimes our emotions overcome our ability to see the bigger picture. We argue over things that are important at the moment—and I don't want to diminish the importance of those things—while forgetting for that same moment to look at the good that is being done every day by people who routinely take time from their

own lives and families to do work for the Rescue. They take time off work, give up weekends and evenings, and make calls and solicit donations. When things get missed, and emotions rise, it's all too easy to place blame and miss the bigger picture. And that bigger picture can be seen in the eyes of every dog at the Rescue.

On a recent Sunday, I attended a grooming day. A dog had come to Rescue who was frightened, especially of men. The dog needed socialization, and it was my assigned task to bring her from her crate to be groomed. On my first trip, she huddled at the back of the crate and bared teeth at me. I spoke to her calmly, but she was having none of it. Second trip, I pulled a fast one. I brought treats. She put her nose out, took the treat, and returned to growling. So much for the fast one. I made five further trips and finally had a breakthrough—she came out of the crate and into a room of people, where she wagged her tail so hard her entire rear end was swinging, lay down for a belly rub, and enjoyed more treats, grooming, and loving. The bigger picture smacked me in the face. I went home that day thinking we had accomplished something in the life of that dog.

We try to say it often, but can't say it enough. We're not perfect, and our lives sometimes get in the way too. So I'll say it now, and keep saying it as often as I can—thank you, my extended family, for everything you do for the Rescue. From the full-day events to the smallest contribution, the phone call to check in to the holiday cards so proudly displayed at the Rescue, without you, we're nothing. Thank you for all that you do.

HIGHEST NEED WISH LIST

- 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.

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

Thank You!

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 janet.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 FOR FREE



Please save the **weight circles** from any Purina dog food. Mail us the circles—when we get enough of them, we can turn them in to Purina and get money to help cover our vet bills. Sure, you only get a few, but a few from several people can add up to a lot for us! Please don't forget to ask your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to save their Purina weight circles also. They can really add up!



Old cell phones and empty inkjet and laser cartridges can all be redeemed by HHGDR for cash. We've found a place that recycles these items and also gives us a money for each one. Redeeming these "worthless" items really helps us!

For a list of cartridges and phones currently being accepted, see <http://hhdane.com/howtohelp/cartridge.htm> or E-mail fundraiser@hhdane.com.

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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, 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.



Beth Mack helps customers with MOZART's art at the first art festival of the season. A great time was had by all at the **Americana Festival Art Show** on the Fourth of July. See the back page for MOZART's other festival dates.



Zach Boll works the **Bark-be-que** awareness event in Cincinnati with help from HOPE.

Many awareness events are held at festivals and pet supply stores such as Petsmart and Pet Supplies Plus. Volunteers set up a table with the 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 passerby on the pet store/puppy mill connection and the need for spay/neuter of all pets. 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.



VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

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

Special thanks to Paws for a Cause volunteers and donors, especially James Predovich, harpist. The silent auction and concert was a success thanks to the volunteers and musicians, those who donated items, and those who “won” them!



Volunteers Don Corsmeier, Jillian Lenczicki, and Tim Goings (in the black HHGDR T-shirts), and ALEX, visit with guests at Paws for a Cause at The Ohio State University in Columbus.



RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Amber—Dori Forsythe

Cody—Laura Greene & Kerry Grubb

Jake—Tom Mattingly & Jonathan Williams

Katie—Betty Shonebarger & Charlie Smith

Kenzie—Ray Chesnick

Lancelot—Michelle & Eric Hankins

Madison—Lauren & Chris Seither

Molly—Mary Long

Samantha—Wendi & Andrew Beauseau

Willy—Annette Condon

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

RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Arissa—Judith & Matt Stein

Braelyn—Christopher & Laura Giannini

Christine—Frank & Victory Dorrian

Dawn—Amanda & Chad Robinson

Elissa—Annette Condon

Female Pup 3 AKA Rory—Dick & Jeanna Burrell

Female Pup 7 AKA Chloe—Ken & Jane Dickinson

Gypsy—Kimberly McMillen

Heath and Robby—Stacey & Robert Kienle

Jerret and Thadius—David Sherrod & William Pitt

Joe—Erin & Carlos Stiffler

Landon—Patrick & Kristine Cassady

Male Pup 1 AKA Crosby—Kenneth Kline

Male Pup 2 AKA Dylan—Jennifer Kisker & Kenny Honaker

Scarlett—Meghan & John Board

Zack—Michelle Botts



Just a few of recent happy endings. clockwise from left:

ZACK, DAWN, HEATH and ROBBY, and CHLOE.





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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.



DONNY shows his approval for the Rescue's newest minivan. HHGDR has a continuous need for minivans to transport dogs, haul supplies, any many other chores. Thank you, donors Carlos & Erin Stiffler!



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, 7 other breeds, and 2 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1340 dogs.



Dane-cing With the Stars by MOZART. 9 x 12", acrylic on canvas

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art Festival Schedule

Mozart started off this season with a bang on July 4th at the Americana Festival Art Show near Dayton. We are looking forward to the rest of the festival season—please come out and meet Mo and see his art in person.

July 18—Art Affair on the Square, Urbana

August 8—Art on the Lawn, Yellow Springs

September 26—A Fair of the Arts, Cincinnati

October 4—Hyde Park Art Show, Cincinnati

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 contact information of the establishment. Email Mozart at mozart@hhdane.org

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