

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL By the Black Danes at HHGDR

Once upon a time, there were many homeless black Danes in Rescue, and for some reason they found it hard to be adopted. People would call and e-mail about the other Danes, but seldom about the black ones.

“Why is it that people do not want black Danes?” asked the black puppy. “I thought people wanted puppies even if they were black!”

“Well,” said the older and wiser black Dane, “blacks are common, and few people want a common color!”

“I am NOT common,” said the black puppy. “I resent being called common! I am unique! My Grandma told me I was. She told me that we all are special and unique in our own way!”

“Last week your sister was shown and adopted,” said the old Dane. “She is a merle, not a black, and I hate to be cruel, but the people did not even ask to see you, did they?”

The heartbroken puppy hung his head. “No,” he replied. “But don’t people know that looks are only skin deep? I am gorgeous on the inside, and I have a huge heart, and I am just looking for a family that can love me as much as I will love them. I guess I will grow old at the Rescue just like so many of the other black Danes that have lived here all their lives.”

“Wait a minute,” piped up a young black male. “I am very handsome, and I have cropped ears. I should be very adoptable!”

“Yes, young man,” said the older black Dane. “You are more adoptable than the ones with natural ears, but look at the fawn boy with cropped ears, or even the harlequin with natural ears. People always want them, and they will have a home months, or maybe years, before you have a home! Be thankful that you are handsome and have cropped ears that

stand up. Feel sorry for the black Danes that had their ears cropped and they do not stand, or the ones that have injured their tails and had to have them docked. No one ever wants them! Just look around at the ones who have been waiting for homes month after month after month.”



The older, wiser black Dane continued, “You may not want to believe me, but I have lived here all my life. I am now old and wise, and I have faced the reality that people do not want us because we are black. What a sad world it is when people think that color, size, or even cropped ears matter. What really matters is what is in our hearts, and if people would just give us a chance, they would find that we are just as good as the other Danes at Rescue!”

“What is really sad is that there are breeders out there producing more of us. And people will buy them! They will pay a lot more money to get that cute little puppy. Too soon, that puppy ends up here in Rescue with the rest of us. After all, who wants a plain old black Dane? I dread the look on their faces when their owners dump them. As you can see, the other colors are seldom dumped. Why do breeders keep breeding when there are so many homeless Danes already? Why? Why? Why?”

“I thank God every day that the wonderful people at Rescue do not care about color, age, or what our ears look like. They just care that we are homeless and need to be loved and cared for. Maybe someday people will see us through the eyes of the people at Rescue—see us for what we really are—GREAT Danes, the gentle giants of the dog world!”

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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.

LETA & KALISTA Tell Their Stories

LETA: I was found roaming the busy streets in Clermont County and taken to the local humane society. The people at the humane society were



positive my owners would come for me but I knew better. Needless to say they didn't, but lucky for me Harlequin Haven did! Unfortunately, while waiting out my stray time I came down with Bordetella (kennel cough). I am very sick, but I am being a good sick dog. I am taking my medicine and getting lots of rest on my nice soft bed.

<http://hhdane.org/danes/leta.htm>

Please, can you spare a few dollars to help the Rescue continue to help us and other Danes like us? It would be greatly appreciated! Without the Rescue who knows where we would have ended up. Thanks, LETA & KALISTA

KALISTA: My owners realized that they bit off more than they could afford when I had 10 puppies and they did not sell as quickly as they had wanted. I was losing weight and could not feed my puppies as much as they needed. Of course I am a puppy myself! I



turned one-year-old just 13 days before I had my puppies. Now me and my pups can get the medicine and care we desperately needed. I had been vomiting and had diarrhea for months before I arrived—now when I eat my food stays down. The vet said I had a uterine infection

and was loaded with worms.

<http://hhdane.org/danes/kalista.htm>

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 .

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,421 dogs in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana. Currently 27 dogs are 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). In 2010 HHGDR spent nearly \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Unlike some large nonprofits with paid employees and directors with large salaries, HHGDR has no paid employees. Not one person receives financial compensation for the work done for the Rescue—the only pay is the gratification of helping the homeless dogs, as well as dog kisses and hugs!

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

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 website and by request. <http://www.hhdane.org/>



OLD DOGS by Karen Callinan

The old dog barks backward without getting up.

I can remember when he was a pup.

—Robert Frost

These words describe my dog RHETT perfectly right now. At 9, going on 10, he rarely rises from his bed to bark his warnings to us of company or “intruders.” A dog being walked by on the sidewalk might get a “rise” out of him, but not always. He has learned he can raise his alarm just as effectively from his cozy bed.

But I can't remember him as a pup. I did not know him then, although I often take myself to his puppyhood in my imagination. He was an adorable puppy. He had to be, because he is a very handsome senior! People slow their cars to comment upon his beauty.

He loves to bring toys to the door to greet our home coming and encourage us to play. However, this behavior began recently, so I do not believe it to be a relic from his puppyhood. He loves his zoomies in the



yard, but these he learned from his sister, BAILEY, before she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

I often wonder if my old dog's puppyhood started at age 6, when HHGDR's “Grandma” recommended him to us, his sister accepted him, and we took him home with us. We quickly learned of his delight with squeak toys, and bought only the most rugged available, for he could shred them in seconds! He learned puppy smiles and teasing, and that humans delight in dogs who snuggle and lean against them.

I suppose then, this quote is true, for although the 6 years before we were chosen by our sweetest of boys, is dark and unknown, his puppyhood lives within him now.



Abun-Dane-ty Talented by MOZART DANE. 11 x 14", acrylic on canvas. \$110.
<http://hhdane.org/mozart>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Judy & Tom Yacks

Bio: Judy: born in Chicago, speech/language pathologist in Amelia, Ohio. Tom: born in Milwaukee, retired special education director and audiologist. Reside in Cincinnati (Anderson).

Owned by: Three Great Danes, ANNABELLE, PHOEBE, and foster NADIA; and one foster Golden mix FLUFFY.

Current HHGDR work: Saturdays for cleaning, maintenance, and adoption appointments; filing; toy repair; art shows, transport, and anywhere else needed.

HHGDR history: Judy: began in 2001, shortly after her adoption of HANNAH. Tom: began by filling in for Judy.

High points: Judy: loves her fur babies and wishes they could open their home to more. By volunteering, she gets to regularly visit and collect the leans and kisses from all of our Danes as they wait for their forever home. Tom: volunteers for the dogs. He squeezes every minute he can into his efforts to make the Rescue dogs' lives as comfortable as he can during their stay at HHGDR.





VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

HHGDR advocates for the Spay and Neuter of all pets. There aren't enough homes for them all!

Attention Volunteers:
We would love photos of your activities! Please send them to the Rescue.

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VOLUNTEERS—It wouldn't happen without you!



Clockwise from top left: Beth Mack with MOZART at Art on the Lawn in Yellow Springs; Dale Francis with DORI at the Doggie Ice Cream Social in Athens; Monika Dail with KIEFER, Marilyn Staup, and Dawn Williams with LILY at Dayton Mingle with our Mutts; Tom Yacks cleaning the HHGDR storage trailer at the Rescue; and Don Corsmeier with MOZART at Art on the Lawn.

Volunteers perform **all** the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Almost any task a business would need, the Rescue needs too. Some tasks require actually visiting the Rescue, many others do not.

We would love to have you—please email the Rescue at info@hhdane.org for a volunteer application.

In addition to the regular care and grooming the dogs receive, a Grooming Day is held once a month when a group of volunteers come to the Rescue to “love on” the homeless dogs and give each one an extra-thorough grooming.

Awareness events are often held at festivals and pet supply stores. Passersby enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that still need forever homes. Volunteers also educate on the pet store/puppy mill connection and the need for spay/neuter of all pets.

Please check the Rescue website for events in your area! <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



**RAINBOW BRIDGE—
Our Deepest Sympathy**

Brody—Christe McGarry & Jim Keiser
 Kassy—Dale & Tom Bath
 Nomar—Janet Carleton & Dale Francis
 Payden—Daniel & Samantha Barnett
 Perry—Pam & Wayne Keller
 Spencer—Pookie Kostuk
 Storm—Cullen & Jessica Wainscott

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ADOPTIONS—
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 Beauseau
 Denver—Greg & Laura
 Prisco
 Destin and Desiree—Tony
 & Jen Bavry
 Kaden—Anne Marie Gil-
 lespie
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| Donna & Wayne Fanta | Thomas Mattingly | |
| Ed Firth | Sara & Kevin McDaniel, for Sanctuary Dogs | |
| Dale Francis | Christe McGarry | |

THANK YOU!

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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 donors and volunteers, we sincerely apologize.*



O-Mo-nous Skies by MOZART DANE. 11 x 14", acrylic on canvas. \$120.
<http://hhdane.org/mozart>



DON'T SAY GOOD-BYE By Denise Weide

It's hard to say good-bye to one who means the world to you,
The friend who's always by your side whenever you feel blue.
The one who shares the happiness that simple pleasures bring-
Like strolling slowly through the park on sunny days of spring.

It's hard to say good-bye to one who's loyalty is such
He feels the need to guard you from a stranger's harmful touch.
The one who, in his younger days, would never hesitate
To challenge any enemy—to keep his loved ones safe.

It's hard to say good-bye to one who's growing older now,
With cloudy eyes and muzzle gray. You start to wonder how

The one who once protected you now needs protecting, too.
You know your time with him is short, his days remaining, few.

It's much too hard to say good-bye to such a faithful friend,
But when he leaves this world behind, it needn't be the end.
For the one who always loved you more than any human could
Will be waiting at The Bridge for you, so be this understood-

Don't say "Good-bye," but "See you later—till we meet again!"
The day will come when you will be together in the end.
For the one who gave his all to you throughout his lifetime long
Could be no other being than you precious, loving DOG.

OUR WISH LIST

Dog

Bedding: blankets, *crocheted/knitted afghans & throws**,
sheets (all sizes, fitted & flat)
Beds from Kuranda (use link from HHGDR site for dis-
count)
Dog food bowls (stainless steel)
*Dog toys**
*Dog treats**
Ear cleaner
Heartworm preventative
Money for vet bills (payable to Mt Orab Veterinary Clinic,
but mailed to HHGDR so you will be given proper cred-
it 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)
Gift certificates for Nickerson's, FedEx Office (Kinkos), 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

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 website.

<http://hhdane.org/howtohelp/wishlist.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 25 Great Danes, 1 other breed, and 1 mixed-breed dog awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,421 dogs.



Mo-tivated To Paint by MOZART DANE.
8x 10", acrylic on canvas. \$50

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

Mo paints with his paws to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs. Sales of his art support the Rescue.

Mo had a wonderful time in August in Yellow Springs, Ohio and sold a record number of paintings! Thank you to Village Artisans for making Mo its featured artist at the gallery, reception, and annual Art on the Lawn festival. Your generosity enables the Rescue to help even more dogs!

Mo's paintings can be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site. He even has

lay-away and gift certificates! Read Mo's story and get details on his upcoming events at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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