

THE GRANDMA WHO COULDN'T SAY "NO" by Karen Callinan

Of my puppyhood I remember not much at all.
My family of four years I chose to forget them,
yes, all!

They must some of them loved me, they
trained me up right.

They cropped my fawn ears; kept them taped
day and night.

My nose knows the counter's no
place to be,
And on my red leash I walk just like
a lady.

But my family moved, and they put
me away,

In a place I would probably be to
this day,

If it hadn't been a shelter of doom.
For extra large dogs, there was
simply no room.

"My time is up! Please adopt me!"
I'd cry,

To each and to every two-legged
passerby.

"I am only four-years-old! I do not want to die!"

Someone at the shelter knew I'd no place to
go,
so he quickly called the Grandma who couldn't
say no.

I was quickly loaded up in a van, not a car,
And driven to Harlequin Haven, which wasn't
too far.

My new Grandma was waiting, and she was
quite a surprise.

Though small for a two-legged one,
Her heart was giant-sized.

She told me not to worry, and put me to bed,
But first she made sure I was watered and fed.

In the time I was there she took care not just
of me,

But Billy, Nicole, and one-eyed Cindy.
To those who were sickest, Grandma gave
Kuranda beds.

The rest of us got lots of love and pats on our
heads.

She patiently divided up donated toys
To the Danes and the Saints, both the girls
and the boys.

To each family who comes to offer a home,
Grandma goes through applications with a
fine toothed comb.



GIANNA, looking for her
forever home.

In my weeks at Rescue I saw
dogs come and go,
And to even the sickest,
Grandma didn't say "no."

She worked as hard as she
could to find medical care.
If she couldn't find it at home, I
know she'd go anywhere.
Since we have no voices,
through Grandma we speak.
And her voice, many know, is
definitely not weak!

Sometimes she's tired, discouraged, or sick.
But that doesn't stop Grandma responding
double quick

When the voice on the phone says,
"I've a Dane here in trouble."

And Grandma responds, "Get him here on
the double!"

I'm lucky now, see, I'm with my forever family
here.

I know that I'll never again know the horrible
fear

Of the dark smelly kennel with death looming
near.

*Won't you please help the Grandma who
helped me and my cousins?*

*There are so many of us, just dozens and
dozens.*

*Look deeply inside, all of you with the dough,
To help out my Grandma, who cannot say
"no."*

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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.

RANDI & PASHA Tell Their Stories

RANDI: I was purchased from a backyard breeder in MO and flown to Ohio at 12 weeks. One day, neighbors called animal control when they could see how horribly skinny I was. My owner had planned to breed me—thank goodness he didn't. When contacted, my breeder in MO refused to take any responsibility for me. I have a deformity on one side of my mouth, but that is not stopping me from gaining weight now that I have food! (I love to eat!)

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



PASHA: I came to the Rescue suffering with mange. My breeder sold me as a sick puppy and then refused to take me back when my owner realized my condition. As soon I got to HHGDR I got the medical care I needed so my hair grew back in, and I got lots and lots of love and toys. I must admit I'm a little spoiled now and am looking for a home where I'll be treated like the princess I am!

<http://hhdane.org/danes/pasha.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, RANDI & PASHA

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

WATCH OUT FOR THE BUGS

With this record-breaking warm spring, experts predict a long and tough season in the fight against ticks, fleas, and mosquitoes. Please be sure to keep your dogs on heartworm protection and act early and with vigilance to stay ahead of the fleas and ticks. Additionally, heartworm treatment drugs are in very short supply and may not be available when you need them. Prevention is key!



Sun-Danes in the Storm by MOZART DANE. 8x10", acrylic on canvas. \$65.

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 non-profit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,440 dogs in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and eastern Indiana. Currently 25 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, 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!

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/>



WHAT IS A FRIEND?

What is a friend? According to the dictionary it is:

A person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard, a person who gives assistance; patron; supporter.

How many friends do you have? When you are sick, depressed, or injured who can you call? Who cares about you no matter what? Who is always there for you 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week? Is it the person that only calls you when they need something? Is it that person that for years you called your best friend then the one day you need them most and they are busy? Who never stays mad at you no matter what you say or do, who loves you no matter what? Is it really a person?

In sickness and in health, in good mood and in bad, my best friend is always there for me. My best friends are my dogs! You see the dictionary is wrong, a person is not always there for you, a person changes their feeling, loses affection, a person only assist when it is convenient but my dogs are always and til death do us part will always be there for me and me for them!

George G. Vest said it best in 1870, when he said,

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fierce, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come from encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wing and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of his company to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in his embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death.

NEWS FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD!

Left: Ten-year-old merle Harlequin Haven alumnus **RHETT** was featured in the Collingwood Children's Theater Workshop production of *The Red Velvet Cake War* in February at the Collingwood Arts Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Because of **RHETT's** stage presence and calm demeanor, he was added to the show, which mentions a Great Dane called "Trinket" several times during the play. (Karen is doing set design for the play.) **RHETT** owns Mike and Karen Callinan.

Right: Ed Luksic's **HENDRIX** and **BERKLEY** were featured in the 21st annual Mt. Adams Reindog Parade in December.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Doug Hull

Bio: Retired guidance counselor for Westlake High School, resides in Westlake, Ohio.

Owned by: Two Great Danes, **MADDIGAN**, 10, and **TILLY** 3 1/2; and one Schnoodle.

Current HHGDR work: Awareness work in Cleveland area including Pet Supplies Plus and Crown Classic dog shows, and the Cleveland newspaper. Assisted by eight-year-old granddaughter Moira McCarthy and wife Mary.

HHGDR history: Began volunteering about 4 years ago after adopting from HHGDR.

High points: We get so much out of being with people that speak "Dane," or want to learn the language. I feel truly blessed to have Danes in my life and hope to for a long time.





VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

In Memoriam—Volunteers

Greg Ruehlmann
Dawn Williams
Jon Witte

We thank them for their service to the dogs of HHGDR, and send condolences to their friends and families.

Attention Volunteers:

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

Becky Adams
Dori Baker
Jonathan & Eline Brandt
Karen Callinan
Janet Carleton
Michelle & Beau Chinn
Don Corsmeier
Mame, Craig, Summer & Bentley Corson
Monika Dail
Jane & Ken Dickinson
Ken & Kelly Eiker
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Mary Beth Gettins
Melinda Goings
Timothy Goings

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VOLUNTEERS—We are Grateful! Hugs & Slobbers to You!



Volunteers perform **all** the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Some tasks require visiting the Rescue itself, many others do not.

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

Awareness events are a vital part of bringing HHGDR to the public and finding adopters. We are in great need of volunteers to do these sorts of events. Passersby enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that still need forever homes.

Other needed support tasks include creating PR materials, writing for the newsletter, collecting used toner cartridges, and holding “Jeans Days” for donations at your workplace.

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



Clockwise from top left: Three photos from Cleveland’s Crown Classic dog show: Brian & Barb Spatz staffing the booth with Brutus, Ken & Kelly Eiker setting up the booth with TILLY, Moira McCarthy with TILLY; and at Moochie & Co. in Easton Town Center in Columbus, Tim Goings with KEVIN (rear) and John Brandt with DANA show passerby just how great our Danes are!.



RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

ANNABELLE—Tom & Judy Yacks
 ATLAS, BRETT, DAWN, DENVER, HAYDEN, JOSH, KIWI,
 RANDY, TINA, TODD—Tom & Dale Bath
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 Greg Ruehlmann—Jean Ruehlmann & Odie

MATAYA—Mame & Craig Corson
 MAX—JJ Clark & Robin McKell
 NELSON—Don Corsmeier & Jillian Lenczicki
 QUINCY—Steve & Sandy Nichols
 ZAK—Sophia Male



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RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

COOPER—Robin McKell & JJ Clark
 DEKKER—John Mulligan
 JACIE—Margaret & Hurbert Mills
 KAELEN aka BALOO—Kelly & Mark Merino

KITA—Cheryl & Shelly Smith
 KYLEE—Anne Gillespie
 LATRICE—Tom Mattingly & Jonathan Williams
 SPRING—John & Tracy Jennings



LATRICE



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Thank you for awarding HHGDR a 2012 Operation Grant of \$891.

PEDIGREE Foundation Operation Grants assist in funding basic operation costs such as facility/structure, medical, transportation, spay/neuter, etc., to help make dogs more adoptable.
<http://pedigreefoundation.org>



OUR WISH LIST

Please visit our Wish List online to find the items we need the most to help the homeless Danes. You can find it under "How To Help," along with many other opportunities.

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

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

Thank You!



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 awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,440 dogs.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art



Wild Berga-Mo-t by MOZART DANE.
12X12", acrylic on canvas. \$100.

Mo paints with his paws to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs and puppy mill dogs, and the need for spay/neuter of all pets. Sales of his art support the Rescue.

Mo posts his paintings to social media sites, and most recently, joined Pinterest. Check out Mo's board with his paintings at <http://pinterest.com/HHGDR/mozart-dane-s-art/>.

Mo's paintings can also be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site, where he features a lay-away plan and gift certificates! Read Mo's story and get details on his upcoming events at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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