



HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE NEWSLETTER

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KIDS & DOGS: 12 YEARS AT FOREST ELEMENTARY by Christe McGarry

Friday May 25 was a bittersweet ending to a very successful 12-year partnership between HHGDR and Forest Elementary School in Troy, Ohio. Since 2000, volunteers and their adopted dogs have visited at the end of the school year to reward the children for all their hard work raising funds for Harlequin Haven.

We have been amazed over the years at the lengths these children have gone to earn money for the dogs at HHGDR. Many students would take portions of their allowance for the entire year and give a large chunk of it to help the dogs. Others would do chores around their house, for grandparents, neighbors, etc., and then donate all the money they were paid. Some even had lemonade stands and sold their toys at garage sales. Each year the children, along with help from the entire staff at the school, have raised anywhere from \$500 to \$900—which we all know is desperately needed. Over the years, those donations have allowed us to care for many dogs waiting for their forever homes at HHGDR. And even better, this year a long-time donor (adopter and volunteer) matched the funds raised by the kids.

While our volunteers had their dogs at the

school, we took every opportunity to educate the children about the importance of spaying and neutering their pets. We discussed responsible pet ownership and explained that when you bring a dog into your home, it is a forever commitment to that dog. We shared many of the heart-breaking stories of the dogs at HHGDR to try to help them understand how they can help dogs in their lives and prevent other dogs from going through what to many have had to endure in their past.

The “sweet” part comes in because this year due to the event, 3 dogs were adopted! First back in April a family came to adopt KORINNA and PARKER, because their son had attended the elementary school several years ago and they remembered us from doing our event. So, when the time came for them to adopt, they knew they wanted to come to HHGDR to find their next dog. And luckily for KORINNA and PARKER, they decided to adopt not 1 but 2 dogs.

KORINNA was one of the dogs at the event this year, and fortunately, so was her littermate BALOO (aka KAELEN). KORINNA and BA-

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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.

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LOO could not have been more thrilled and excited to see one another again and had a wonderful time playing at the school throughout the day. This really touched the heart of BALOO's family and because of this, they came out the following week and adopted the remaining littermate, BOCA (aka KITRA). What a wonderful way to end this amazing program we have had with the school!

And, of course the "bitter" part comes in because this was our last year doing the event at the school as my mother, Linda McGarry, who organized the event every year for us, has retired as the end of the year. Unfortunately no other staff members at the school are able to take on this program.

So, there could not be a more perfect time for other volunteers to check with their children's schools, friends and family, to

see if a similar event could be set up to take the place of the this amazing and successful program we had for the past 12 years. It truly has brought so much joy to the students and staff at the school, along with the volunteers and their dogs who have participated. Please consider this as a great opportunity to help HHGDR along with touching the lives of many children along the way.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank all the students and staff of Forest Elementary for all their hard work to earn money for the dogs at HHGDR. And, a special "thank you" goes out to Linda McGarry because without her idea to start this program and her hard work each year with the students, it never would have been such a success.

HHGDR Volunteers: Tim Goings with KEVIN; Ed Luksic with BERKLEY; Christe McGarry with GIA; Linda McGarry; Kelly Merino with BALOO; Amy Miller with GUINNESS; TJ White with KORI; and Tom Yacks with PHOEBE.

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

GRACIE, 2003-2012

The Rescue was closed on Saturday, April 14, in remembrance of GRACIE, the Rescue's long time mascot. GRACIE succumbed to cancer on April 12 after a very brief illness.

GRACIE ruled the Rescue office, greeting all who visited from her comfy loveseat. She loved dress-up and was featured in zany hats on the pages of the newsletter and Facebook. GRACIE was also known to many outside the Rescue as Mozart Dane's bodyguard at his art events. She is now at the Rainbow Bridge taking charge and getting all in order.

Rest in peace, GRACIE.
http://hhdane.org/memory/gracie_1.htm



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 1,451 dogs in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and eastern Indiana. Currently 15 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 2011 HHGDR spent more than \$25,000 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/>



GREAT DANE WANNABE? by Victory Dorrian

HHGDR has occasionally found forever homes for dogs other than Great Danes. BAILEY is short, stocky and has one blue and one brown eye, but he surely thinks he is a Great Dane. Even though he can easily walk right underneath his "cousins" ZACHARY and TOBY (with whom he shares a yard), he seems to think he is much taller than they are.

Because BAILEY mistakenly thinks he rules the backyard, he usually starts all doggie meetings with an assertion of his dominance. The Danes quickly turn and firmly place a giant paw on his shoulders and that is the end of that. Still, BAILEY is clearly in denial.

Often a game of zoomies breaks out in the back yard. BAILEY



quickly joins in, running as fast as he can after one Great Dane or the other. He is fearless (in his own mind). He is Warrior Dog, displaying true grit. He is THE picture of courage as he fiercely gives chase. He is intrepid, he is brave; he is underneath the table, taking refuge behind my sister's legs.

Wha? This isn't how it's supposed to end! Bailey nervously licks his lips as he feigns indifference to the thundering paws pounding past the patio. He looks up and seems to ask, "Did you see how those guys can turn on a dime? Man! Are they fast!"

Watching Bailey interact with his Great Dane cousins brings the old saying to mind, "If you can't run with the big dogs, don't get off the porch." Or in Bailey's case, the patio.

MONICA'S HIKE FOR THE DANES

Monica Heater began her hike at the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail in March. She's hiking north on the AT, not only for self-satisfaction, but to raise much-needed funds for the homeless Great Danes at HHGDR, as well as to raise awareness of the plight of homeless Great Danes across the U.S.

The AT is a continuous marked footpath extending from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Katahdin in Maine—a distance of 2,181 miles. Monica's updates are posted to the website as we receive them.

Please help Monica to help our homeless Great Danes! Donations are per mile, or lump sum. All donations are tax deductible and go to the care of our homeless Danes. For more information, see http://hhdane.org/howtohelp/hiking_for_the_danes.htm.



Monica Heater stands on The Knob in southern Virginia at daybreak during her Hike for the Danes.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Don Corsmeier

Bio: From Cincinnati; moved to Columbus in fall 2008 to attend veterinary school at The Ohio State University (just graduated).

Owned by: 13 dogs of assorted breeds: ASPYN, BISHOP, CHERI, DENVER, ELIJAH, JUNEY BUG, HALO MAIA, HAMMIE CHI, JEEP, JERRI, LILY, PHOENIX, and PRINCESS DI.

Current HHGDR work: Transports, MOZART art shows when I can make them, recovering lost dogs, and whatever else I can do to make myself useful.

HHGDR history: Started by helping to unload two semis of dog food in February 2005.

High points: Rescuing a dog out of a horrible situation, knowing that they will begin the journey to physical and emotional recovery, as long as it takes, in the hands of the wonderful folks at HHGDR. Getting to know the very individual personalities of so many dogs. Getting to live with many wonderful dogs and being allowed on the couches and bed sometimes, when they let me.





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, and collecting used toner cartridges.

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

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

Kathy Amrein	Thelma Goris	Sandra Seidman
Dori Baker	Doug & Mary Hull	Betty Smith
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Dale Francis	Amy & Steve Miller	Frank Norvell
Mary Beth Gettins	Jenni Reinhart	Lee Schrader
Timothy Goings	Mike & Beth Sedlock	Steve Schrader

Clockwise from L: Craig Corson at Franklin County Mingle with our Mutts; Dori Baker at A Pet Affair in Dayton, Ky and SICSA Day Camp in Kettering, Oh; DANA helps Eline Brandt at Moochie & Co. in Easton Town Center in Columbus; Tom & Judy Yacks at Graeter's in Cincinnati; during Grooming Day AVERY gets love from Naomi & Bella Merino while Beth Sedlock & Mame Corson give HILLARY a pedicure; and Bella Merino, Ryan Liersmann & Jen Bavry at Franklin County Mingle with our Mutts.





RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

BRIE—Christine Vrooman & Pellegrino Ciccarello

CLANCY aka KENNY—Erin & Carlos Stiffler

CONNIE—Steve & Sandy Nichols

DUKE and COLE—Jennifer Kisker & Kenny Honaker

GRACIE and HERSHEY—Tom & Dale Bath

GREDA—Craig Yacks

KALISTA—Dori, Jenni, Lydia & Brad Baker

KATRINA—Jennifer Jones & Kevin Kremer

LESA AKA OSA—Melody & John Whitacre

MATAYA aka SADIE—Craig & Mame Corson

MISS DANCER—Ed Firth & Cindy Orlasky

NELSON aka DUSTIN—Jonathan & Tracy Jennings

PEARL—Julie Wiltse

ROC—Danielle & Melody Brackney

SMOKEY—Janet Carleton & Dale Francis

WAGNER—Katie & Daniel Blankenship

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

RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

BOBBI—Scott & Andrea Eckner

GHIANTI and QUAID—Michele & Graham Myatt

GIANNA—Heather McManes

KITRA—Kelly, Mark, Naomi, Bella & Jackson Merino

KORINNA and PARKER—Timothy & Teresa White

LATOYA—Tonya & Daryl McCartor

OZORA—Janet & Tyler Cazin

PAYTON—Matthew Rodgers

Clockwise from left: LATOYA, KITRA, GHIANTI and QUAID, PARKER and KORINNA, GIANNA, OZORA, PAYTON, and BOBBI





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Thank You for all for donations large and small! We could not save the dogs without you!

THANK YOU Ohio Pet Fund!

Thank you for awarding HHGDR a 2012 Spay/Neuter grant! The grant should cover 1/3 of our S/Ns this year.



OPF grants are supported by sales of the Ohio Pet License Plates, vehicle registration tags that raise funds for education and spay/neuter for dogs and cats that are adopted from qualifying agencies, and for pets of low-income families.

You can order your pet plate even if it is not time to renew your license tags—other license fees will be pro-rated. Just go to Oplates.com or stop by your Deputy Registrar's office. More information at <http://petsohio.com/>



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>

SUMMER WARNINGS

Please see the Rescue website for these important articles and more!

Heatstroke: <http://bit.ly/hhgdr-heatstroke>

Fireworks: <http://bit.ly/hhgdr-fireworks>

First Aid: <http://bit.ly/hhgdr-firstaid>



HILLARY: "I am the perfect Dane and Grandma says some family would be lucky to have me—I love children, cats, and even other dogs!" <http://hhdane.org/danes/hillary.htm>



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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 14 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,451 dogs.

Making a Bequest

Planned gifts are a vital pathway to the financial future of HHGDR. To honor the Danes with your long-term gift is perhaps the most compelling way you can make a difference in their lives. We are very thankful to anyone who remembers HHGDR in a will, trust, life insurance policy, and/or other planned gift.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane’s Art



Study in Paw-stels by MOZART DANE.
16x20", acrylic on canvas. \$175.

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.

This is Mo’s last year on the festival circuit, although he does plan to continue painting. So be sure to come out and meet him this summer! His two events are:

Art Affair on the Square, Urbana, Ohio, July 21

Art on the Lawn, Yellow Springs, Ohio, August 11

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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