

DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

Dear Santa,

Well, another year has passed and yet some of us still have not found forever homes, and others have come to the Rescue from abusive situations, yet we still believe.



KALEY is a mom and in treatment for heartworm.

We hope one day there will be no need for Rescues, and yes, we even hope and pray someday no dogs will be abused or neglected.

Yes Santa, we know that will not come in our lifetimes but we can hope. Although many of us came from abusive and neglectful homes we still love and trust humans and our dreams continue to be of those loving forever homes. Thank you Santa for helping us all to continue to believe.

Grandma says we all have been really good dogs this year and she hopes you will be very generous again as you have in the past. We have our paws crossed that you will find it in your heart to give us a few presents again this year, after all we are homeless dogs that need and want new toys to play with!

Our first gift as always, we would love to find forever homes, especially for the senior dogs that seldom are even looked at. But we aren't dumb like some people think, we know that there is no chance for all of us to get a home. So we are thinking realistically. We would like toys that would last us a few weeks and not cause Grandma to worry about blockage sur-

gery because we ate the toy, plus toys are cheaper than surgery!

With today's economy we would also ask that you buy American-made dog toys and maybe we can help put a few people back to work and then more homeless dogs would be adopted! Below are a few links to find American-made dog toys. Of course not all on our list are made in the USA, but we tried!



KINGSTON is a Sanctuary Dog.

Of course Santa, we will be appreciative of anything we get, as Grandma tells us it is not polite to beg or be greedy. Also if it is easier, just give us money—we love to shop on the Internet!

Thank you Santa for reading our letter again this year and we sure hope you can give us each a toy for Christmas! Of course two would be great, but one each would give us all some joy this holiday season. Also Santa please don't bother wrapping our gifts; that is more work for Grandma and we too care about our planet and the global warming we keep hearing about.

Have a Happy Holiday!

Hugs & Slobbers

From all the dogs at HHGDR

Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!

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The Rescue will be closed for adoption appointments December 23 to January 3.



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HHGDR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer-run Rescue. Donations are tax-deductible!

CALENDARS AND CARDS!

Holiday Greeting Cards

This season purchase holiday cards and support the Rescue! These 5x7" cards feature the Rescue dogs in 30+ different designs. Cards are .50 each, plus shipping, mix & match, but must buy in increments of 5 (total cards). See them all at <http://hhdane.org>.



2014 Wall Calendars

This beautiful calendar features portraits of the Rescue dogs. \$15 each plus shipping. Bulk discounts available. Buy them while they last!





OUR 2013 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

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.

HHGDR advocates for the **spay and neuter** of all pets.

There aren't enough homes for them all!



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/>

TOYS (please note sizes)

- * Antlers: Elk (large or mammoth)
- * Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- * Kong: Tugga Wubbas or Wubbas (large or XL)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large)
- * Tough By Nature: JW Bowling Pins (large)
- * Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus or Chicken (large)
- * Zogotlex: Būmi, Hurley, or Huck** (large)

AMERICAN-MADE TOYS**

- * <http://www.toysmadeinamerica.com/dogs.html>
- * <http://www.akersacrespets.com/page/1266692>
- * <http://www.katiesbumpers.com/>
- * <http://www.kongcompany.com/>
- * <http://www.mickeypetsupplies.com/Made-in-USA-pet-supplies-s/118.htm>
- * <http://www.purrfectplay.com/>
- * <http://www.westpawdesign.com/articles/-west-paw-story/who-made-it>
- * http://www.elkantlerdogchews.com/Buy_Elk_Antler_Dog_Chews.php

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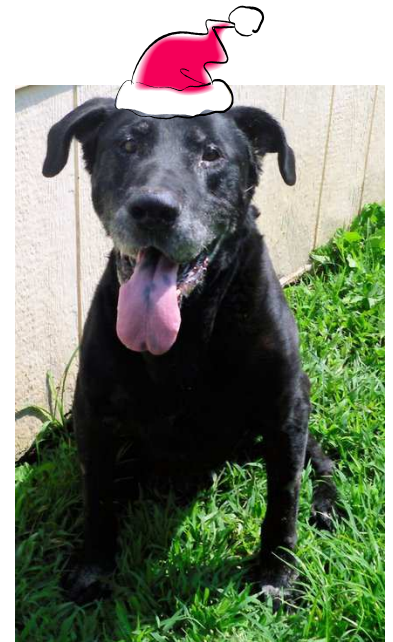
RESCUE IS EXPENSIVE

Lately we have heard people claiming that the Rescue is making money on dogs, and that we do not need donations. Well, that is far from the truth.

Below is what the Rescue currently pays out for basic expenses on an adult male or female. Now, this is provided the dog is adopted out as soon as we have done its 30-day temperament test, and that nothing else is needed. More often, our dogs stay with us for some time, working out issues with trust or health, such as treatment for a serious condition like heartworm.

A heartfelt thank you to our donors for providing for the dogs!

Adult Expense	Male	Female
Spay/Neuter	\$175	\$210
Vaccinations	\$45	\$45
Wormer	\$40	\$40
Heartworm test	\$15	\$15
Heartworm preventative, 1month	\$15	\$15
Microchip	\$25	\$25
Dog food	\$40	\$40
Total	\$355	\$390



IVAN, a Labradane, could barely stand and couldn't hear when he arrived. Now his ears are better and he is mobile, due to the love and care he's received at HHGDR. His holiday wish is to have a family of his own!

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as an all-volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed more than 1,480 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 24 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 2012, HHGDR spent more than \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.



PUPPIES AREN'T CHEAP

Below are the expenses for an 8-puppy litter, which we just happen to currently be sheltering at the Rescue (see right).

Not included in the figures are things like equipment (bottles, pens, puppy scale, thermometer, puppy feeding dishes, heat lamps, heating pads, bedding); labor; or the everyday facility costs.

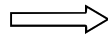
If each puppy is adopted at 10 weeks of age, and nothing goes wrong, it has cost the Rescue only \$380.63 per puppy. Now this is how to make money!

*Vaccination cost assumes the Rescue administers the shots; using a vet for vaccinations would roughly double this cost.

Litter Expenses: based on an 8-puppy litter (5 males; 3 females)	
Vet exam for mom & pups	\$40
1st shots & worming (6 weeks) @ \$20 per puppy	\$160*
2nd shots & worming @ \$20 per puppy	\$160*
Puppy food thru 10 wks & extra for mother during nursing	\$ 830
First dose heartworm preventative @ \$15 per puppy	\$120
Spays @ \$170 each / Neuters @ \$135 each	\$1185
Microchips @ \$25 per puppy	\$200
Extra laundry, electricity, paper towels, etc.	\$350
Total	\$3045



KALEA, one of the Montgomery Co. Cruelty Case Danes, is busy being a good mom, now that she has help getting healthy and supporting her pups. Her story: <http://hhdane.org/danes/kalea.htm>



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—John & Eline Brandt

Bio: Eline is originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. John is from Toledo, Ohio. Currently living in Columbus, Ohio. Eline works in the graphics industry, John in Information Technology.

Owned by: 2 Danes: DANA (7) and KORY (4), all from HHGDR.

Current HHGDR work: Primarily offsite tasks: awareness days at Moochie & Co (Easton and Polaris) in Columbus, Ohio.

HHGDR History: Adopted DANA in 2009, Eline's first dog ever, John's first Dane. We started volunteering at awareness events at Petsmart and Mingle shortly after bringing her home. A year later, 2010, we were volunteering for grooming day and John fell in love with KORY. We brought him home that day.

High point: Spreading the word about these gentle giants. It broke our hearts when we found out that so many of the Danes are being abandoned because "they got too big." We love sharing what we can about the breed, and helping other families make the decision to go to the Rescue. As we expose our Danes to so many children at the malls, it is truly wonderful to see the light in their eyes when they see such big dogs for the first time.





VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

Volunteers perform **all** 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.

Please check the Rescue website for events in your area!

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

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Don't forget to renew your Ohio dog license!

L to R: Dori Baker gives ULYSSES a rub down during Grooming Day at the Rescue while Michele Myatt works with FELIX on the lead.





MEMORIALS—All Our Sympathy

ALLIE, BOBBIE SUE, CARRIE, and TYTON—Dale & Tom Bath
 BOBBY—Sandra & Gabriel Seidman
 DUKE—Marilyn Staup
 JOE—Erin & Carlos Stiffler
 KARLI—Dustin & Amy Young
 KONNER—Alex Ampleman

RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

FRED—Michele & Graham
 GABRIELLA—Brittany Clements & Bret Nelson
 JAGER—Amy & Steve Miller
 KAIRI and KALIN—Steve & Sandy Nichols
 KAIYA—Barry & Diane Tucker
 MASON—Alex Ampleman

DECORATE OUR HOLIDAY TREE!



Help us decorate our online tree! Your tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more gets an ornament on our tree. Clicking on the ornament shows a photo of your choice and caption (up to 20 words). Your photo could be of a loved one, your pet (past or present), or even a family group.

Photos should be e-mailed to info@hhdane.org or hardcopy can be mailed (we will scan your picture for you—if you want the picture returned send a self-addressed stamped envelope).

Donations can be accepted through PayPal on the Rescue site or a check via mail.

View the tree at <http://hhdane.org/tree/tree.htm>.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

We are now signed up with the Kroger Community Rewards Program! If you shop in these areas: Cincinnati/Dayton, Ohio; Kentucky; or Indiana, please consider choosing Harlequin Haven to receive the rewards from your shopping. Our number is 84483.

(Unfortunately we were unable to be listed for Columbus, Ohio; Michigan; or West Virginia)

Registration and instructions at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com>.



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





TRAINING SUCCESS STORIES!

JEREMIAH & KAREN: Canine Good Citizens

We were rescued and adopted by JEREMIAH in January 2013. It was love at first tail wag. We knew before signing the adoption papers that prior to coming to HHGDR, he had been through many placements in his 3 years of life. We were determined to make ours his final home.

Adopting any animal brings love, happiness, and a few unknowns into your life. These unknowns are not always welcome, and can pop up suddenly and unexpectedly. JEREMIAH, who loves other dogs and children, seems to have a deep-seated issue with tall, dark-haired men. With patience and fist-fuls of treats, we began to overcome this problem. But still, heavy smokers and drinkers were greeted by growls and frenzied barking. And as cold weather approached he would not calm down until a friend removed his knitted hat. All of the obedience classes I had taken with our other Danes were not fitting the bill.

After talking to friends in the rescue and humane society volunteer corps, I found a name and a class. The name was Cheryl, a trainer for Bark Busters, and the class was Canine Good Citizen—a course sponsored by the AKC. There were 6 dogs in the class, and JEREMIAH was the old man of the group.

For our first meeting we learned that we were to keep our commands simple, be our dogs' leaders, and to use 3 different voice tones when training our dogs,

Command voice—Normal speaking voice

Correction voice—*BAH in deep guttural growl tone—for unacceptable behavior*

Praise voice—"Good Dog!" In a light, high-pitched, happy voice.

Week by week we worked on each required element of the final test. By the 7th week, the dogs were tested on the following:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk (on a loose lead)



5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command, and then a sit or down stay
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to a distraction
10. Supervised separation from owner

As owners, after our dogs passed the test, we had to sign a pledge stating that we as owners would: be responsible for my dog's health; be responsible for my dog's safety; not allow my dog to infringe on the rights of others; and be responsible for my dog's quality of life.

JEREMIAH still wears his training collar, a click collar, which, when pulled taut, makes the sound of the clicks of a chain. The collar is NOT a choke chain! It is his first correction reminder. That is usually enough. The guttural BAAH sound, which mimics a dog growl, usually stops him from whatever misbehavior he may be doing.

As Great Dane owners, with giant breed dogs, we are ambassadors for the Rescue, as well as the breed. A calm, well-mannered dog speaks volumes. We have received many compliments on JEREMIAH's calm demeanor, his sweet nature, and our decision to adopt. He chose us, and we have no regrets!

JEREMIAH's story: <http://hhdane.org/success/jeremiah.htm>

PRIYA & JACKIE: Pet Therapy Team

I adopted PRIYA this past spring and I thought I'd give you an update on how she is doing. We have just completed a ten-week course to become a certified pet therapy team! When I adopted her, a friend said PRIYA would be a perfect therapy dog. Well she was right. The instructor said that he was very impressed with her.

We can't wait to get out there and visit! I plan on going to the VA Center, hospice, and I'm going to try to get into Children's Hospital.

PRIYA's story: <http://hhdane.org/success/priya.htm>



CGC Class photo courtesy Cheryl Kubista, Bark Busters Toledo.

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 24 Great Danes and 1 other breed awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,480 dogs.

Happy Holidays
from all the Rescue
dogs!



Paw-sonal by MOZART. 11 x 14",
acrylic on canvas, \$120.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

Mozart's paintings make unique holiday gifts for the animal-lover on your list!

Mo paints with his paws to help support the Rescue and provide for the homeless dogs. He is the Rescue Spokesdog against puppy mills, pet stores, and for spay/neuter.

Mo's paintings can be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site. He even has lay-away and gift certificates! Read Mo's story at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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