



HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE

NEWSLETTER

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your next best friend may be
waiting there for you!

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FEATURED SANCTUARY DOG: ARI

A young couple with 3 small children and now a puppy with major health problems meant something had to go. Since my former owners could no longer provide the medical care that I needed, they decided the kindest thing to do was to bring me to the Rescue. They knew the Rescue had the experience, knowledge, and love to care for me, and that if anything could be done the Rescue would do their best to make it happen.

Within hours of arriving at the Rescue I had an appointment scheduled to see a specialist. The news from that neurosurgeon was not good. According to him, I was born with congenital and believed genetic skeletal deformities referred to as cervical spondylomyelopathy aka wobblers syndrome. The vertebrae in my neck are deformed. According to him it was the worst case he had ever seen. He was surprised I was still walking!

Unfortunately I am not a candidate for surgery. Although my birth defect cannot be fixed, the Rescue loves me enough to allow me to live out my life giving and receiving snuggles and kisses. Read my story at: <http://hhdane.org/sanctuary/ari.htm>



In addition to ARI, the Rescue houses other Sanctuary Dogs living out their lives in the safe environment of the Rescue (unadoptable for health, age, or other conditions).

See all the Sanctuary Dogs at <http://hhdane.org/sanctuary/sanctuary.htm>

BARKBOX GIVEAWAY

Time is running out! It's the **500 BarkBox Giveaway!** We have the opportunity to win tons of boxes for our Danes, but we need your help! When you treat your dog to a BarkBox with our code (GDHAVEN) or link, you'll get 10% off and we'll get a donation of \$15 plus two free BarkBoxes. This offer ends on April 30 at 11:59PM—please order a BarkBox for your dog, and us, at https://barkbox.com/url_coupon=GDHAVEN&utm_keyword=shelter_10pct_nbar&utm_source=barkgood



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501(c)(3) all-volunteer-
run organization.
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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.

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

BOCA IS A CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Congratulations to BOCA for passing AKC's Canine Good Citizen test! In order to pass this test, BOCA was handled through 10 different test units, each demonstrating that BOCA is a CGC. He sailed through each and every test! And congratulations to his adopters, the Merino family, for committing to the Responsible Dog Owner's Pledge!

See Boca's success story at <http://hhdane.org/success/kitra.htm>

The 10 tests:

- accepting a friendly stranger
- sitting politely for petting
- appearance and grooming
- out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
- walking through a crowd
- sit and down on command and staying in place
- coming when called
- reaction to another dog
- reaction to distraction
- supervised separation



More information on the test at <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/training-testing/>

PIGGEST RAFFLE EVER! 2015

Adopt a "pig" in the PIGGEST Raffle Ever for 3 chances to win on Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon weekend, May 1-3. Pigs are \$5 and that entire \$5 goes to the charity of your choice! If your adopted pig is selected when thousands of pigs are dropped in downtown Cincinnati, you win a 2-year lease on a 2015 Toyota Prius!

Every purchase helps a charity—please choose HHGDR from the dropdown menu and we get the \$5. **The last day to purchase your pigs is 5/29!**



Please go to <http://www.piggestraffle.com/>, and be sure to pick HHGDR. Need not be present to win.

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed more than 1,520 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 13 Danes 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 2013, HHGDR spent more than \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible. Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.

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/>



GETTING A DOG FROM CRAIGSLIST: USE CAUTION!

I have heard Craigslist described as an adoption agency with no standards or oversight. Oh, so true!! So if you're going to get your next dog off Craigslist, be prepared to hire a dog trainer, have your vet on speed dial, and be willing to spend a lot of money, time, and energy!

When HHGDR was founded, the vast majority of the dogs coming into Rescue, not counting the strays from shelters, were from owners who had gotten them from pet stores, backyard breeders, and occasionally show breeders. In the past few years, however, most of the owner surrender calls are about dogs that people got from Craigslist.

Craigslist appeals to many prospective pet owners because the dogs are usually free or extremely cheap. The owners will many times meet you half way or even deliver. Best of all, there is no tedious application, no requirements, and no waiting period. Conditions very unlike adopting from HHGDR!

Typically within the first 48 hours of someone getting the dog from Craigslist, they are calling the Rescue wanting to dump the Dane! Most of these Danes have been in so many homes in a short period of time, that they now have severe behavioral issues that require weeks, months, or even years of dedicated, active behavior modification, plus, in some situations, lifetime management. They are not the gentle giants that people set out to get. You know, the ones in the pictures on the internet with the baby sleeping snuggling on them.

One thing that we as a Rescue can pretty much guarantee is that most people wanting to place their dogs are **not** truthful when surrendering. It is because of these lies that we have a 30-day minimum waiting period for all of our Danes prior to being placed up for adoption. This gives the Dane time to relax and become itself. The dog will then let its true personality show and we will know what to work on to ready the dog for adoption. As a Rescue, we are not in a hurry to place a dog. It is our responsibility to do our best to evaluate the dog and get the dog ready for his/her forever home. And we want that transition to their forever home to be with as much ease as possi-

ble. Of course, there is also a time period necessary for the dog to settle into its new home and adjust to the adopter's lifestyle. Unlike Craigslist, where the people never answer your calls again, **we, as a Rescue, are there for our adopters for the remainder of their dog's life!**

It saddens us at HHGDR to see so many Danes on Craigslist and talk to so many people wanting/needing to rehome the Dane they just got from Craigslist. It saddens us because we cannot take in every homeless Dane. With so many turning to breeders (you know, for that cute puppy) and of course Craigslist, the market is already overflowing with dogs needing homes. Additionally, we desire the best homes for our Danes, victims of today's society, where it is easy to get a dog and to dump the dog! Dogs have become disposable and Rescues have made it too easy to dump the dogs! The really sad part is that many of the people that we turn down for adoption run to Craigslist and get a Dane. Guess who the first place they call to dump the dog is! People need to stop thinking with their hearts when adding a new dog to the home. Think with your brains. Make sure you are ready to make a 10-15 year commitment before getting a new dog, no matter what the breed.

Here is some food for thought for those of you thinking of adding a new dog to your home: Many breeders are not in it for the right reasons. Many are in it just for the money. Most are not going to be there for you the next day, let alone 5 years down the road when you have a problem. County Animal Shelters, unfortunately, have too many dogs coming in to properly evaluate and to be there for support after adoptions, although they are a better than many other options. And of course, Craigslist!

On Craigslist, owners are seldom honest about why they are placing their dog. If it says, "...needs a home where someone is home all day," this probably means the dog has severe separation anxiety (destroys crates, eats furniture, jumps through windows etc.). The reality is that **no one** is able to be home with their dog 24-7. If it is says, "...no small children," it prob-

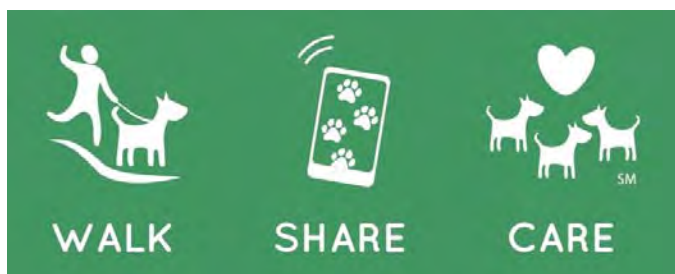
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WAYS TO HELP @ No Cost to You

WOOFTRAX

Don't just take your dog for a walk... Take your Walk for a Dane! Go to WoofTrax, download the app, and support Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue every time you walk your dog.

<http://www.wooftrax.com/>



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

It's time to reselect HHGDR! Kroger resets your Community Reward choice every April.

If you shop in these geographical areas: Cincinnati or 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 Va.) Registration and instructions at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com>.





VOLUNTEERS—We Couldn't Do it Without You!

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| Dori Baker | Ed Luksic | Barbara & Brian Spatz |
| Jen Bavry | Beth Mack | Anna Vogt |
| Wendi & Andy Beauseau | Nancy Marconett | Randy & Becky Ware |
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| Melinda & Tim Goings | Mike & Beth Sedlock | Lee Schrader |
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| Doug & Mary Hull | | |

Volunteers perform all the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! We would love to have you—please email the Rescue at info@hhdane.org for a volunteer application.



Volunteers at awareness events with their adopted Danes: Amy Miller and JAGER greet customers at Petco in Cincinnati. Beth Sedlock (behind the camera) and BRUTUS are hard at work at Moochie & Co in Columbus.



MEMORIALS—Our Sympathy

ARIEL—Shirley Doran & William Traub
 ASPEN—Don Corsmeier
 BENTLEY—Craig Yacks
 FAITH—Jennifer & Michael Dayhuff
 JESSE—Betty Shonebarger-Smith
 LETA—Jennifer & Robert Kipker
 MACKENZIE—Joanna Hasselbeck
 RAVEN—Dori & Brad Baker
 RORY—Jeanna & Dick Burrell
 TEDDY and LANDON—Tom & Dale Bath
 TOBY—Victory & Frank Dorrian
 XANNON—Cianna Kirkland & Derrick Fording



Find Regular Awareness Events at These Ohio Locations:

Mingle with Our Mutts: Dayton (Montgomery County Animal Resource Center).

Moochie & Co: Columbus. (Easton Town Center & Polaris Mall).

Petco: Cincinnati (North Bend Rd); Cleveland-area Fairview Park, (Westgate Mall).

Petsmart: Columbus (Easton); Cincinnati (Western Hills).

Please check our Events page for details at <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>.



RYLEE's 4th Birthday Party

RYLEE's adopter shared these fun images of RYLEE's celebration. See her success story (and more birthdays!) at <http://hhdane.org/success/kylee.htm>



RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

PRYCE—Neal Voorde
 VANNA—John Mulligan
 WALDEN—Erin & Stephen Smith

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

**DONORS & SPONSORS—Thank You!**

Philip Ammons	Andrea Fleischman	Nancy Marconett
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Michelle Botts	Thelma Goris	Amy & Steve Miller
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Sarah Brunet	John & Ginger Hardy	Alice Minic
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Ellie Bryant	Margaret Havinga, in honor of the Marsillac Family	Mt Healthy Animal Hospital
Teresa & Anastasio Camacho	Elaine Helmick	John Mulligan
Janet Carleton	Hailey Householder	Michele & Graham Myatt
Joseph & Kimberly Coffey	Doug & Mary Hull	Ciccarello Pellegrino, in loving memory of LUKE & his buddy KENNY
Annette Condon	Cindy Irvin	Margaret Ports
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Robert & Sonia Derge, in honor of SNEAK's 13th birthday	Kevin Lackey	Cheryl Ryan Tori
Jane & Ken Dickinson	Richard & Kimberly Lagrou	Sam's Club Eastgate
Victory & Frank Dorrian	Chip Leader	Sidney Sauerbrunn
Jeannine Duran	Barbara Lewis	Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock
Debbie Eades, in memory of OPAL and PEARL	Colleen Lohn	Sandra & Gabriel Seidman
Maryann Everhart-McDonald, in memory of Betty Agler	Joe & Laura Luard	Janet Shumaker
Donna & Wayne Fanta	Linus & Bliss Luard	Mary Simon
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***Thank you for all donations, small and large—we couldn't
save the dogs without you!***



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 Holly Witte
 Denise Wolbert
 Judy & Tom Yacks, in memory of Betty Agler
 Donna Z.

ADOPTABLE DANES



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ably means the dog has bitten a small child. Now, in defense of the dog, the child probably was not supervised and the child teased or hurt the dog. Either way, just know that at some time you will be around small children either at the vet's or on a walk. If it says the dog is protective, it could mean problems with other dogs, territory, adult, child, food, toys. Be very careful!

Although we realize all dogs need a forever home, unless you are a dog trainer or experienced training dogs with behavioral problems consider adopting from a reputable Rescue.

See all our adoptable Danes at <http://hhdane.org/danes/1danelist.htm>

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



Visit our Web site often—your next best friend may be waiting there for you!

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HHGDR is a no-kill 501(c)3 all-volunteer-run non-profit shelter.

LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 13 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,521 dogs.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art



Op-Paw-tunity Knocks by MOZART. 12" x 16" acrylic on canvas, \$155.

MOZART has retired from painting and exhibiting at festivals but still has many lovely art works to offer. Paintings can make a wonderful and unique gift for all animal-lovers.

Mo painted 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.

Paintings can be browsed and purchased from the Rescue website. Lay-away and gift certificates also available.

On Saturday, May 10, the Rescue will be at **Angel's Rest Thrift Store** on Ohio Pike in Amelia, Ohio. Volunteers will have Mo's paintings and crafts for sale.

Read Mo's story at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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