



Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

NEWSLETTER



Will you still love me, will you take care of me, when I'm old and gray?

The July 21 issue of *Newsweek Magazine* had an article about "Animal Emotions" by Mary Carmichael with Jamie Reno and Hilary Shenfeld. It stated that scientists are now acknowledging that animals feel emotions, a fact that all animal lovers have known for years. After many years of unconditional love, devotion and loyalty, our pets deserve to be comfortable and cared for in their old age.

We have all seen the signs, maybe on the wall of an animal shelter, or maybe on someone's bumper. They say pretty much the same thing, "When you adopt a pet, you are making a commitment for the lifetime of that animal." In the excitement of taking home that cute puppy it is easy to forget that it will grow to adulthood and eventually become an old dog. Are you prepared to give the older dog the care that he needs to enjoy his "golden years?"

The following two articles may help you to understand how some people deal with the reality of the aging dog.

Our First Dane

by Jean and Chuck Inwood

We adopted our first Dane, Kohl-R, from Harlequin Haven. Kohl had been adopted once before we acquired him, but he was returned because they said he snapped at their child. We decided that we would pick the dog that would be least likely to be adopted and give him a forever home; that was Kohl.

We were lucky enough to have Kohl for close to ten years. He was two years old when we adopted him. The last year of his life he became urinary incontinent, then eventually bowel incontinent. We were not ready to let him go so we had to find a way to help ourselves and him. Putting him down or surrendering him to Harlequin Haven was not an option for us.

Owning a Great Dane, at times, isn't for the faint of heart. There was no information to help us deal with this situation, so I will share with you what we did to extend our time with him and honor the commitment we make when we share our lives with a pet.

When Kohl became urinary incontinent, I purchased disposable baby diapers and trimmed the elastic that is around the leg area so that the diaper laid flat. I sewed

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several flannel wraps so that there was always a clean one available. The diaper would lay against him, then would be secured with the wrap around his abdomen and pinned on top with two child proof safety pins. He never tried to remove it.

When he became bowel incontinent, that was another matter. This was a dog that never had an accident in the house. He was never yelled at or scolded for these mishaps. It seemed to be enough punishment because of the humiliation he showed. The trick was to keep him on a schedule and relieving him after meals was the best option. We purchased a box of latex gloves, and would insert a finger rectally which would initiate a bowel movement. After we started this regime, he never had another accident in the house. We always felt he had a sense of relief—no more mad dashes to the door. This isn't a task most people would endeavor, but should be prepared to do if one wants to be a responsible pet owner. You see them through the good and the bad times.

Kohl collapsed one morning after his breakfast. We rushed him to the vet, but at this point there was heart involvement. We always gave him our best, but this was something we could not overcome. We finally had to let him go.

It is our hope that this information will help those who find themselves in a similar situation.

What Happens When Your Dog Gets Old?

by Dale Bath

Every day the phone at a shelter or rescue rings and the caller has the same



Doesn't He Deserve a Dignified Old Age?

problem. "My dog is having accidents in the house!" The dog is old and starting to lose control of its bowels, bladder or both, and the owner does not want their carpet ruined or to deal with the problem. For this reason, when you adopt or purchase a dog/puppy, you need to realize that some day that dog will get old. Do you realize that you may spend many hours cleaning up accidents from an old dog? Many people feel that once the puppy is house trained, the problem is gone forever. Well, it may not be!

Right now we have three Danes that were dumped because they got old and started having accidents in the house. Unfortunately this is a fact of life, even for old people. Why do you think they started manufacturing Depends®? If your parents were living with you and became incontinent, would you dump them, or would you seek help to enable you to deal with them? Not every dog, just as not every person, has this problem, but to dump the dog or have it killed because you do not want to deal with the problem is **not** the answer!

There are some drugs which may help. A change of diet for older dogs can make a world of difference. Many veterinarians recommend changing the older dogs to a prescription diet that is easier

on the body/organs. Science Diet® even makes a prescription food for dogs that are aging and getting senile. When all else fails, yes, disposable diapers work quite well.

Remember this is a family member who has devoted his life to you. Can you not devote a little time to him? Can you not give him the respect and dignity he has given to you? Remember some day this may be you!



Recent Adoptions

- Kohl & Karli** Amy and Dustin Young
- Daphne** Christopher Barr
- Andi & Shylo** Robert and Carolyn Reis
- Hoover** Tara Smith
- Macy** Katie Mark
- Bobby** Sharon Williams, Dan Urban
- Cheyenne** Margaret and Bert Mills
- Moose, Murphy & Zoe** Steve and Sandra Nichols
- Tania** Jennifer Goaziou
- Elvis** Kenneth Kline
- Colt** Sharon and Jeff Bourn
- Gia** Christe McGarry
- Wynona** Linda and Robert LaFrance
- Ashley** Jody Hasselbeck
- Duke** Lindy and Brad Dulle
- Naomi aka Hope** Nannette and Chad Poe
- Marie** Samantha and Eric Hill
- Sara** Dori Baker

Congratulations! Some of you are previous adopters, and some are new to the Rescue. Remember that you are part of a unique family now. Rescue adopters are always ready to help if a problem arises. They also want to hear from you, and pictures are welcome!

In Memoriam

Jenny

Marcia, Alan and Lil Pittman

Bailey

Tonda Baker

Otis

Barbara and Mark Cissler

Brittany and Pandy

Tom and Dale Bath

Luna aka Abby

Linda and Robert LaFrance

Lenny

Anji and Mark Erickson

Kash

Robert and Lara Jagielski

Rica

Pam and Terry Kassner

Chance aka Buddy

Olivia and Ed Heitzman

Calle

John and Marsha Burns

Duke

Micky and Rob Minnich

Harley

Tuja Stuard

Tara

Richard and Terry Petrencsnik

Eve

Donna St. Clair

Harley

Dave and Virginia Wiltse

Max

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Sam's, Landon

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Sue Smith

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Walter and Donna St. Clair

Tuja Stuard—GDRO

Cindy, Jenna &

Carly Swormstedt

Donald Tekulve

Holly Witte

Amy & Dustin Young

We try very hard to included every-one. If we have omitted any donors, we appologize.

Donors and Sponsors

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Please note that this brief definition does not mention what is given or how much.

Large or small, money or supplies, the Rescue is grateful for all gifts. Donations come in many forms. One child mowed lawns and ran errands for his neighbors and donated half his earnings. One couple had a yard sale and donated the proceeds. Someone else brought a case of Clorox®. Donna and Wayne Fanta thought of a unique gift. They donated shares of stock!

**Whatever it is,
large or small,
THANK YOU**

Volunteers

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 Lori Rader

 Sharon Reynolds
 Sandra Seidman
 Tuja Stuard
 Sonja Vinzin & family
 Denise Weide
 Holly Witte
 Amy and Dustin Young

Time is money!

Our volunteers are generous with their time. They also donate hard work and their talents in many ways. The Rescue would be hard pressed to continue without their generosity.

Thank you!

Adoption List

As of August 24, 2003 we have placed 1002 dogs in adoptive homes. There are, however, 40 Great Danes, 7 Mixes, 19 Saint Bernards, 1 Toy Manchester Terrier, 1 Toy Rat Terrier, and 3 Chihuahuas waiting for suitable homes. Please help us to find good homes for these loving and deserving dogs. All are spayed or neutered, heartworm tested, on heartworm preventive, have received all shots except rabies, have received medical treatment as needed, and have been temperament tested. **A fenced yard is required to adopt a dog. Invisible or electric fences are not acceptable.**

Adoption Fees: Purebreds (6 months and under)-\$250, (under 4 years)-\$200, (4 years and up)-\$100. Mixes (under 6 months)-\$140, (6 months and up)-\$100. Receive a 5 lb. bag of Science Diet dog food with each adoption.

New Adoption Procedures: The Rescue is now accepting adoption applications by mail. To receive an application go to our website at www.hhdane.com and click on the link to Adoption Procedures, send your name and address to HHGDSBR, 11567 St. Rt. 774, Bethel, OH 45106-8624, or call 937-379-2231.

Male Great Danes

Name	DOB	Comments
Donny	02/03	Black, white markings, cropped ears
Billy	11/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
Matt	10/11/02	Mantle, natural ears
Max	06/26/02	Harlequin, natural ears.
		Breeder:Kandy Hale****
Archie	04/25/02	Merlequin, natural ears. Breeder: Donna Owens**
Martin	07/13/01	Black, white markings, ears cropped but do not stand. Breeder: Pamela & Daryl Shonebarger**
Clyde	07/01	Brindle-merle mantle, natural ears
Bart	07/01	Black, cropped ears
Tommy	07/01	Black, white markings, cropped ears, do not stand.
Amos	05/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Willie	04/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Jason	01/01	Black, white markings, cropped ears, tail docked.
Luke	09/00	Fawn mantle, natural ears
Bruno	06/00	Black, white markings, natural ears
Lance	04/00	Fawn, cropped ears, children 12 and up
Timmy	08/99	Harlequin, natural ears
Sam	07/98	Black, white markings, natural ears
Jake	06/97	Brindle, natural ears

Female Great Danes

Emily	04/03	Merle, white marking, natural ears, not ready at this time
Martie	04/03	Black, white markings, natural ears, not ready at this time.

Name	DOB	Comments
Natalie	04/03	Black, white markings, natural ears, not ready at this time
Christine	03/03	White, merle markings, natural ears, not ready at this time
Amy	02/03	Black, white markings, natural ears, not ready at this time
Liela	03/02	Black, white markings, natural ears
Mindy	02/13/02	Harlequin, natural ears. Breeder: Paulette Knight****
Connie	08/01	Fawn, black mask, natural ears
Kayla	07/01	Black, white markings, natural ears
Roni	01/01	Black, ears cropped- do not stand, tail docked
Carrie	10/00	Fawn out of harlequin breeding, natural ears
Abby	08/16/00	Black, white markings, natural ears Breeder:Jeffery & Mindi Frizzell***** Not ready at this time
Sable	06/00	Black, white markings, natural ears
Toni	06/00	Fawn, black mask, cropped ears
Kasey	04/21/00	Mantle, cropped ears-only 1 stands
Mystic	02/09/00	Black, white markings, natural ears
Charlotte	01/00	Black, white markings, natural ears
Amanda	08/99	Harlequin, deaf, natural ears
Jasmine	03/99	White, merle markings, natural ears, deaf
Nicole	09/04/98	Merle, natural ears
Missy	08/98	Harlequin, natural ears, not ready at this time
Sheena	07/03/98	Merle, cropped ears Breeder: Cathy Frost

Saint Bernards-Males

Sampson	12/17/01	Rough coat Breeder: Chris & Angela C. Murphy
Barry	10/00	Rough coat
Barney	02/00	Rough coat
Franky	02/00	Rough coat, blue eyes
Odie	12/99	Rough coat
Monty	11/99	Rough coat
Mikey	05/99	Rough coat
Shane	10/98	Rough coat, children 12 yrs and up
Cass	09/96	Rough coat

Saint Bernards- Females

Sandi	06/01	Rough coat
Rosie	05/00	Rough coat
Tina	04/00	Rough coat
Casey	04/00	Smooth coat
Brandy	11/99	Smooth coat
Roxy	11/99	Smooth coat
Betty	05/99	Rough coat
Cleo	12/98	Rough coat
Gracie	09/14/97	Rough coat
Gretel	01/93	Rough coat

Mixes-Males

Ralph	04/28/03	Dane-Lab, Black
Seymour	01/22/00	Dane-Newfoundland, black <i>(list continued on page 6)</i>

We also wish to acknowledge the talents and expertise shared so generously by the following:

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Upcoming Events

September 5 5 to 9 PM
Petfest
Old Pickerington Village
Pickerington, OH

September 13 10 AM to 4 PM
Animal Expo 2003
Northeast Community Church
3 miles from Kings Island
513-683-2707

September 21 Noon to 2 PM
Mingle with the Mutts
Franklin County Animal Shelter
1731 Alum Creek Dr.
Columbus, OH

This is a monthly event. Come visit us, if not this month, next month!
This event is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you are interested in participating, Contact Jane Dickinson: e-mail her at JDickinson@Lakeshore.com.

To learn more about HH-GDSBR events, check out the "Events" link on our web site at www.hhdane.com. 5

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Woody II	10/99	Dane-Lab, fawn
Woody	02/03/99	Dane-Akita, fawn
Elroy	02/99	Dane-Lab, Harlequin

Mixes-Females

Dana	12/99	Dane-Mastiff mix, black, white marking
Scarlet	02/03/99	Dane-Anatolian Shepherd, fawn

Other Purebreds

Males

Jasper	11/23/00	Chihuahua, Breeder: Deanna Jo Cobb*
Spike	12/99	Toy Manchester Terrier
Tito	08/99	Chihuahua

Females

Buffy Jo	01/01	Toy Rat Terrier
Heidi	11/23/00	Chihuahua, Breeder Lori Conrad*

*Breeder is a USDA licensed breeder who sells to pet stores and/or brokers

NOTE: Listing of breeders' names in the Adoption List is not an endorsement. To the contrary, any breeders listed either:

- * refuse to take back their dogs, refuse to be responsible for them while in rescue and/or ignored our letters.
- ** we have been unable to locate them.
- *** rescue received dog directly from breeder
- **** rescue felt it was in the best interest of the dog not to contact breeder and/or puppies were sold to a pet store or broker.
- ***** we have dealt with this breeder in the past and they refused to be responsible for the dogs at that time.

HHGDSBR Picnic - June 8, 2003



New adoptee, Kohl, getting some attention



Mutual admiration society



Talking about dogs, what else?

WISH LIST

Top of the List

We just received a shocker! Cinergy has been estimating our bill; well this month they read the meter. The Rescue owes over \$1300 which must be paid by September 15. Right now our biggest wish is for money to help with that bill.

We are always in need of supplies to help take care of the dogs we have rescued. Donations are our only income. Our veterinary bills alone are staggering. We have no paid employees; everything is done by volunteers. All donations are appreciated. We are a non-profit organization, and all donations are **tax deductible!**

OFFICE AND BUILDING

Office supplies such as printer paper, stamps, printer ink cartridges (HP 51645A & C6578A)
Gift certificates for office supply stores (Nickerson's, Kinko's, Office Depot, etc.)
File cabinets, and file folders
Electric fans (box or other)
Rugs/floor mats
Duct tape, packing tape
Stall rakes (aka apple pickers)
Soft drinks or bottled water for volunteers

DOG ITEMS

Money for vet bills.
Blankets, sheets, rugs, stainless steel food bowls, dog beds, Futon mattresses, Futon frames, grooming supplies, dog toys and treats.

Colossal Crates

CLEANING SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS

We especially need heavy duty mop buckets with wringers.

For a more complete list, check the web site link to "Wish List."

Sponsorship

Another Way of Giving

If you can't adopt a Great Dane or Saint Bernard, you can still help pay for the food, housing and medical expenses of one. Sponsoring a homeless dog is a great way to open your heart to one. You can sponsor a dog for yourself or as a gift or memorial to someone else.

You can sponsor a dog for one year by donating \$10 per month for a year or \$100 single donation. In return you will receive a certificate and your choice of an 8.5 x 11 letter and picture from your dog or a greeting card suitable for your type of sponsorship. We will also let you know when your dog as been adopted. Just fill out the sponsorship form and send it with your donation.

On the right is an example of the certificate you will receive. Below is one of the letters from the sponsored dog which accompanies the certificate.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Our breeder changed my 2 sisters and myself to another name when the cards got sent to because we had some typos and misspellings. Unfortunately our breeder did not give her name, apparently she was ashamed of her condition. We are almost 100% sure and want to be available for adoption! I can eat well!!! Thanks for being my sponsor!!! I got my someone today!!!

Max & Wynn-Jade



Sponsorship Form

I would like to sponsor a homeless dog for (\$10 per month) or (\$100 per year)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Please choose a
Dane ___ Saint ___ Mix ___ for me.

I would like to receive:
___ Certificate plus Greeting Card
___ Certificate plus letter from my dog
For ___ self ___ gift ___ memorial

Please make checks payable Harlequin Haven and send to:

Harlequin Haven
11567 St. Rt. 774
Bethel, OH 45106-8634

Sisca Walk for Strays
Delco Park, Dayton, Ohio
May 31, 2003



Siobhan Hicks and Scarlett Breeding with Lucy (Great Pyrenees) and Taylor. Danielle Brackney and Nancy Marconett also helped. It was a cold, wet, and windy day, but they stayed to the end.

Pet Supply Plus
7712-D MontgomeryRd.
Cincinnati, OH
Awareness Day
June 15, 2003



Volunteers helping were: Christe McGarry with Coco, Micky Minnich with Jason, Ed Luksic with Casey, Bernie Ball with Tyson, and Beth Lukemyer with Hutch.

E-mail from Lori Rader
dated June 14, 2003

Dale,
FYI, aside from PetsMart at Easton and Mingle with the Mutts, the Logan County Animal Shelter asked me to help them this past weekend at PetsMart in Dublin. I took Keno, who always attracts a LOT of attention with that BIG heart of his, and had several inquiries about where to get danes. I told them I didn't know. JUST KIDDING! As always, Keno was a good advertiser for HH.
Lori

Grooming Day
June 29 at the Rescue



Dori Baker and Denise Weide bathe one of the Saints and Denise gets a kiss of gratitude in return. Not all of the dogs were so appreciative, though.

E-mail from Denise Weide
dated July 21, 2003

Hi all,
I just wanted to let everyone know that our Pet Supply Plus Awareness Day yesterday was a success! Even though it wasn't extremely busy, we had several people stop and ask questions about the dogs and the Rescue—a couple even donated some \$\$\$\$!! It was good to see Bernie and Tyson, Ed and Casey, Anita, Jasmine and the rest of her family <G>, and Sonja and Timmy the Saint. Hope to see more faces next time. Take care- D

Rescue Day at Clark County Fair July 21, 2003



**Lori Rader with Keno
and Devon Gullett with Harley**



**Siobhan Hicks with Izzy
while Harley looks on**

This is the third year that HHGDSBR has been invited to participate in Rescue Day in the 4-H dog tent at the Clark County Fair in Springfield, OH. Lisa Stanley with Ohio Maltese Rescue organizes the event.

This year Siobhan Hicks with Izzy, Lori Rader with Keno, and Nancy Marconett with Harley were joined by Devon Gullett. Siobhan was a little apprehensive about bringing Izzy, but Izzy behaved beautifully. Of course Keno is always a goodwill ambassador for the Rescue. Harley (9 years old now) always attracts attention because he is so big and so white. All took turns walking their dogs around the fairgrounds and urging people to visit the 4-H dog tent.

E-mail from Siobhan Hicks dated August 4, 2003

Hi Nancy,
The talk in Felicity was for the Clermont public library summer program for kids. The kids brought their pets to be judge by the head librarian. They had everything from Guinea Pigs to Bantam Roosters to a young Saint Bernard. I was asked to talk about responsible pet ownership. Basically what I covered was necessary shots, rabies, licensing a dog, how to make the right choice of a pet, specifically dogs. I asked them questions and when they gave me a good answer, I gave them dog bones and a mini candy bar. Most of them didn't know there were so many animal rescues for pure bred dogs. I had kids from about two to teenagers there.
Siobhan

Mingle With the Mutts Franklin County Animal Shelter Columbus, OH - August 17, 2003



Mingle With the Mutts is held the third Sunday of every month. Jane Dickinson and her grandson, Bobby Condon, brought Homer; Nancy Marconett brought Billy Bob, a Toy Fox Terrier. Remember the Rescue also has some little dogs. Billy Bob believes in trying to keep the visitor there by holding onto her leg.

Whenever you get the chance, please volunteer for the Events. Educating the public is one way of doing public service and promoting responsible dog ownership.

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