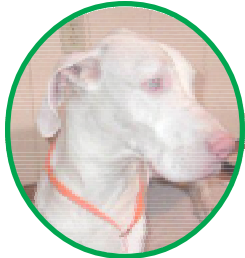




# Harlequin Haven Great Dane and Saint Bernard Rescue

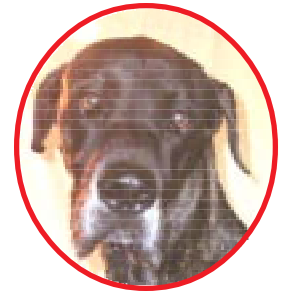
## NEWSLETTER

*Holiday Greetings to All Our Friends*



**Ben**

Harlequin Haven Great Dane  
and Saint Bernard Rescue  
December 1, 2004



**Max**

Dear Santa,

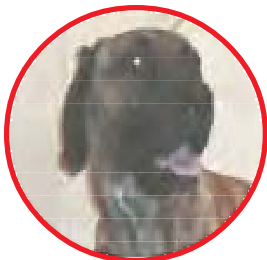
We have been good boys and girls this past year, well, most of the time anyway. We are very grateful for everything that has been done for us. Because of very generous and compassionate people, we have had the surgery and treatment we needed. Of course, we are not done yet. Meeka has to have surgery on her other leg, Ben and Max still have to visit the vet for checkups, and Donny is working hard to exercise his leg.

We feel guilty asking for anything more, but we have lots of brothers and sisters here at the Rescue who need help too. Jeannie had to have surgery for bloat and torsion, and Jynx is seeing a veterinary eye specialist. We all have to eat and have a comfortable place to live. That means there are utility bills and insurance premiums to be paid and materials for maintenance and cleaning to be bought.

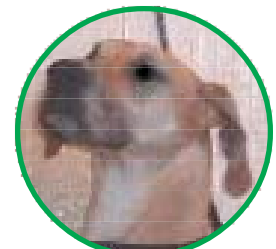
So, Santa, we are asking that you take that worried look off Grandma's face and bring some money to pay the bills.

*Ben, Max, Meeka and Jeannie*

P.S. It wouldn't hurt to throw in some toys when you are filling your sleigh!



**Meeka**



**Jeannie**

## What Does a Rescue Do?



Buddy can tell you from his own experience:

HHGDSBR saved my life. If I had not been brought here, I would still be living outside with very little food. Now that I live

at the Rescue, I am inside where I have a comfortable bed and plenty of food to eat. I am ready to find my forever home now.

I am only one of many here who owe their very lives to HHGDSBR. Ask Ben and Max, or read the stories of Donny and Bebe. There are other stories to be told as well. Frankie, the Saint Bernard was won in a poker game, but when he was brought home, the man's wife told him to get rid of the dog or she would shoot him. Casey, another Saint, was hit by a car and did not receive proper veterinary care until she was brought to the Rescue.

Some of my brothers and sisters in Rescue are here because they were dumped by their owners. They can't understand why! Oh, they have heard the excuses—'We didn't realize he would get so big.' 'We are moving, and we just can't take her with us.' 'He wanders off and gets into trouble.' The list goes on and on. The ones that break your heart are the dogs that were bought as puppies, kept by their owners for 5 or 6 years, and then dumped because they were getting older and becoming too much trouble to take care of.

What pleasure do some people get by abusing or neglecting us? Why are some of us thrown away like yesterday's newspaper? Don't they realize that we can feel pain and loss?

When we first come to Rescue, all of us are bewildered and frightened. We can't understand what has happened to us, but after a few weeks of living in comfortable surroundings, with plenty to eat, and realizing that someone really cares what happens to us, we slowly begin to trust people again.

Once a week some of us are taken out to meet new people. That is when we find out that

the Rescue is trying to find forever homes for us. The really exciting time is when one of us gets an extra-special bath and grooming and goes home with his or her new family. We all keep hoping that day will come for us, too.

## That is What a Rescue Does

**While you are preparing for the holidays, don't forget that the dogs at the Rescue are depending on your help. Please use the enclosed envelope to send a donation or sponsorship.**



## Special Dog Treat

(It's special because you make it!)

If you want to make something special for your dog, why not make your own dog biscuits? It will give you the satisfaction of doing something for your pet with the advantage of knowing what goes into it.

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup powdered nonfat dry milk
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 7 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 egg

Mix ingredients with about a cup of cold water and knead for 3 minutes. If you have a bread machine, just throw everything in and set it on the dough cycle. Form dough into a ball and roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into shapes (be creative), although your dog doesn't care what shape they are. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 min. on a lightly greased cookie sheet. For hard biscuits, turn off oven and allow the biscuits to sit for several hours or all night.

For extra flavor, substitute meat broth for the water or add any of the following: 3 tbsp. liver powder, chicken or beef bullion, dried soup greens or mix. Use your imagination.

The Rescue will close after appointments on December 18 and reopen on January 8, 2005.

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## WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

If you ask any of the persons in the above list, you will get a variety of answers.

They will say they do some or all of the following:

- Participate in Awareness Events.
- Organize fundraisers.
- Bake cookies or make crafts for fundraisers.
- Work at the Rescue on appointment days.
- Transport dogs from shelters.
- Transport dogs to the veterinarian.
- Help on dog grooming days.

The list goes on, but what each volunteer does is important!

# Memorials

## Cassie

Tom and Dale Bath

## Londi

Pookie and Richard Kostuk

## Abby

Lori Rader

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Christine and Adam Vrooman  
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## Opus

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## Maxine Steward

beloved wife of Howard Steward

## Recent Adoptions

Sam	Kent Kloss & Donna Oliver
Mya	Deb & Doug Stamper
Mystic	Matthew & Jennifer Knollman
Storm	Craig & Mame Corson
Duke	Jennifer Kisker & Kenny Honaker
Buffy Jo	Janice Huffaker
Alicia & Emmy Lou	Sharon Reynolds
Jake	Tom Mattingly
Sugar	John & Melodie Whitacre
Ike	Knox Derringer
Ellie	Andrea & Scott Heile
Andy	Mark Slaughter

Congratulations on the new additions to your families. Keep in touch with us. We love to get your pictures and read your stories.

## A RESCUE PET'S CHRISTMAS POEM

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town  
Every Shelter is full—we are lost and not found.  
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,  
We hope every minute that someone will care.  
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,  
"Come here, Max and Sparkie—come fetch your new ball."

But now we sit here and think of the days  
We were treated so fondly—we had cute, baby ways.  
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew.  
Now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.  
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash.  
They reacted so quickly—why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call,"  
We "bark when they leave us," "climb over the wall."  
We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed.  
Now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.  
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew,  
We'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them too.

We were left in the backyard, or worse—left to roam.  
Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.  
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye.  
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."  
So now here we are, all confused and alone  
In a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat.  
With so many to care for they can't stay to chat.  
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer.  
We know that they wonder how long we'll be here.  
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads  
Of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.

Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears,  
Our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.  
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the inn,  
Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?  
We count on your kindness each day of the year.  
Can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat  
And help to get us something special to eat.  
The Shelter that cares for us wants us to live,  
And more of us will, if more people will give.

- Author Unknown



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