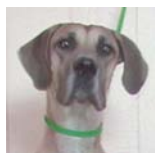


## I DIED TODAY, A Letter from a Homeless Rescue Dog

I died today still homeless. I was dumped when I was only 2 years old and was never adopted because I was “too big,” “too playful,” or the “wrong color.” Then as I mellowed I was not adopted because I was “too old.” There was never a happy medium for me. I was 12-years-old when I died and yes, I was loved all the way to the last breath! I never doubted that Grandma and Grandpa at the Rescue loved me. I never doubted that I was safe. But technically I was still homeless.



Have you ever been homeless? Have you ever been dumped because you were not loved? Well the dogs in Rescue are there because of people that are not responsible and do not commit. Because of them, we are homeless.



I now wait at the Rainbow Bridge for my Grandma and Grandpa at the Rescue to join me. No, I am not alone—there are hundreds of dogs here just like me—the only love we knew was that of our family at the Rescue!

We are the ones that never found a forever home. We are the ones that were not good enough for people. We were “too big,” “too little,” “too playful,” “too plain,” “too black,” “too young,” “too old,” or the best one of all, “not pretty” enough.



People are hypocrites—they say they want to adopt one that is less likely to be adopted but when they pick—it is not the case! Yes, that pretty dog needs a home too but why can't people look beyond looks?



Every day the Rescue gets calls from people outside our adoption area (even thousands of miles away) that tell the Rescue that they want to adopt this or that dog because he/she is perfect. They can tell by a picture on the Internet that this *one* dog would work perfectly. How silly! You cannot tell what is in the heart of a person or dog by a mere picture.

You would think since humans are supposed to be the intelligent species that they would be smarter than that! After all have you looked in a mirror lately? Let me tell you, if you had, the glass would have broken! You are not beautiful, nor intelligent. You my friend, are like the millions of others out there that think a dog has to be status symbol. It is a good thing that dogs are not hypocrites like people. *Continued on page 2*



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## NO MORE PUPPY MILLS MAGNETS

Magnets similar to bumper stickers are now available through the Rescue.

Approximately 8 1/2" x 3 1/2" in size, they are free with \$2 S/H.



Contact [magnet@hhdane.com](mailto:magnet@hhdane.com) to order.

And don't forget our Awareness Ribbons—see page 7.

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### I DIED TODAY, continued from page 1

See “How to Help” on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.  
<http://www.hhdane.com/>

I died today and my family at the Rescue cried because they felt as if they failed me—yet I know I was loved more than life itself. They spent every day caring for me, hugging and kissing me, and telling me how special I was. Yes, I was special! I would have made someone a loving and devoted companion—too bad I was not good enough for you!

Too bad people don’t learn from their mistakes; too bad they continue to support backyard breeders and puppy mills; too bad they buy the puppies who will soon be

homeless just like me!

I just pray that someone out there reads my letter and learns from it, and that the other dogs being dumped are lucky like me and end up in Rescue. At least I learned what love really was and I did not die in a cold dark animal shelter because the Rescue was too full of other homeless dogs! Yes, I died today but even though I was homeless I was loved for who I was!

*Images in this story picture just a few of the dogs that lived their lives out at the Rescue, never having been adopted.*



Dan Blankenship and WAGNER work an awareness event at SuperPetz in Troy, Ohio.



### RUBY REVIEWS what she’s reading!

**DURING MY STAY** at HHGDR I’ve had lots of time to catch up on my reading so I thought I would share some of the interesting books and magazines that I have seen since I was rescued in the [Pickaway County Cruelty Case](#).

The first magazine that I read (instead of chewing it) was the *Whole Dog Journal*. Devoted to natural dog care and positive training, the articles fall into categories such as medicine (including holistic and complementary), “A Tour of the Dog,” training techniques, new products, and more.

The *Whole Dog Journal* doesn’t accept paid advertisements. In the issue I read, trainer and behaviorist Pat Miller wrote about proper dog park etiquette, (both human and canine!), how to evaluate your fur partner to decide whether she is truly dog park material, common dog park rules and guidelines, and a list of resources. More info at <http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/>.

A book with a fun title, *Kicked, Bitten, and*

*Scratched: Life and Lessons at the World’s Premier School for Exotic Animal Trainers* by Amy Sutherland, proved to be an equally fun read.

The students really do get bitten, but learn a lot along the way. At the training zoo, along with “exotics” such as a sea lion, water buffalo, and cougars and camels, there is even a properly finicky canine. I didn’t agree with every training method used, but most are in the spirit of positive training (will work for treats!).

Now Sutherland is writing articles about her success with using the positive training techniques on her spouse! Check out *Kicked...* on Amazon.com.

*Well, Grandma’s calling—I’d better get off her computer! Whoops, I got caught. She says I have to say that my reviews are not endorsements by the Rescue. See you next time! —Ruby*

Visit Ruby’s “Adopt Me” page at <http://www.hhdane.com/danes/ruby.htm>

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 [hhdane.mom@gmail.com](mailto:hhdane.mom@gmail.com).

Current and back issues are available from the Web site and by request.  
<http://www.hhdane.com/>




BARNEY is a homeless Saint Bernard looking for a family (and couch) to call his own.



SNEAK is a homeless Dane-Catahoula mix.



## DEAR GRACIE—Advice straight from the Dane's mouth!

 *Dear Gracie,*

I thought me and my family were a perfect match and the perfect family unit, but now there is trouble! This mangy cat started hanging around the house and mom started feeding it. That was a big enough problem, but now they've taken the thing to the vet and got her fixed and moved her inside—into MY house! And now she's trying to make friends with me. How do I handle this? Do you think they'll be mad if I accidentally push her out the door?


*FiFi (Feeling Left Out)*

*Dear FiFi,*

Show your mom and dad what a wonderful big sister you can be—welcome the cat into your home with open paws! That cat can be a good thing—if, for example, you are usually a really good dog, on rainy days you can chase the cat around the house and not get yelled at. Or the

cat can get up on top of the refrigerator and knock the loaf of bread down to you. Parents always think they are smarter than us, so they will never suspect that you are having the cat do things for you! The good thing is, with my being here at the Rescue and hearing all the lame excuses that dogs are dumped for, I've never heard of a dog being dumped for a new cat (unlike being dumped for a new puppy, baby, or boyfriend).

*Gracie*

 *Dear Gracie,*

I'm having a problem with my people. When we go out in our big fenced yard to play I'm off like a shot, then I have a great time with my dad chasing me and shouting. But when I finally get tired and come to go inside he is all mad and yells at me. What is wrong with him?

*Wondering Willie*

*Dear Willie,*

Your dad is a sore loser. He does not like it when you always win the game of tag. Occasionally when he starts chasing and shouting run up to him so he can tag you. Yes, I know it will take the fun out of the game but humans just are not great at losing. If that doesn't work then don't play with him anymore. When he starts playing leave him outside and you go inside.

*Gracie*

Send your questions to Gracie c/o [hhdane.mom@gmail.com](mailto:hhdane.mom@gmail.com).

Visit Gracie's "Adopt Me" page at <http://www.hhdane.com/danes/gracie04.htm>

## POISON INFORMATION, From Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine

**K**ansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine has operated a poison control center for pets since 1969. The free hot line is staffed by veterinarians 24 hours-a-day and can be used by both veterinarians and pet parents.

"There are several poison control centers and other schools throughout the country that use us as consultants and information sources for calls they get relating to animal poisoning," according to veterinarian Dr. Fred Oehme, professor of toxicology and pathobiology and director of Kansas State's comparative toxicology laboratories in the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

When it comes to animals and poisoning, just as with humans, time is of the essence. The following is a list of ways to help pet owners identify if their pet has been exposed to chemicals, and the steps pet owners should take if the animal has ingested a poison.

### Symptoms of a chemical poisoning:

- Unexplained vomiting
- Difficulty breathing
- Unusual drooling

- Burns present around or in the mouth
- Unusual behavior
- Convulsions or unconsciousness

### Steps a pet owner should take if a pet has ingested a chemical:

1. Always remember it is a race against the clock and the overall goal is to stop the poison from being absorbed into the animal's system.
2. Identify what the chemical is and how much of it the animal has been exposed to.
3. Have the original container handy and as soon as possible call your veterinarian, the local poison control center, or Kansas State's **free poison control hot line at 785-532-5679**.
4. Always have syrup of ipecac and/or hydrogen peroxide on hand, but *do not* administer it without instructions from your veterinarian or the poison control center.
5. Wait until the veterinarian or the poison control center has given you instructions before taking any medical action.

Text from <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/index/poison.htm>.



## VOLUNTEERS—our most sincere thanks!

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....With Halloween coming, don't forget to keep items toxic to dogs such as chocolate and raisins well away from them. See page 3 for Poison Hotline info.

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Kevin Kremer & Jennifer Jones with NORTON and JASMINE at Super-Petz in Troy, Ohio.



MARTIN is a homeless Great Dane that loves butterflies. He would love to chase them with you.



Brian Owens and BAILEY help at Mingle with our Mutts in Columbus.

## DOG BISCUITS DELUXE from Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup soy flour
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon bone meal
- 1/2 cup sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced, or 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
- 1 tablespoon nutritional yeast (optional)
- 2 tablespoon butter (melted), fat, or oil
- 1/4 cup unsulphured molasses
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs mixed with 1/4 cup milk

Mix the dry ingredients except salt, add garlic. Combine the fat, salt, molasses, and egg mixture; set aside 1 tablespoon, combine rest with dry. Add more milk if needed to make a firm dough. Knead together for a few minutes, then let dough rest 30 minutes or more. Roll out to 1/2" thickness. Cut into shapes or sticks, and brush with the remainder of the egg mixture. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes, or until lightly toasted. To make harder biscuits, leave in oven with heat turned off for an hour or more. Will keep longer if oil is used for the fat. Contains 18% protein, 19% fat, 63% carbs. *Editor: And my dogs love them!*





## RAINBOW BRIDGE—our deepest sympathy

Contessa—Peggy Marsh

Dee—Marian & Mike Ashline

Sgt Paul Gundolf—Charity Gundolf

Marnie—Dale Krumheuer

Merlin—John Mulligan

Pepper aka Toni—Shirley Doran & Bill Traub

*Help spread the word!*

*Spay and neuter make a real difference!*

## RECENT ADOPTIONS—congratulations!

Ariel and Ginny—Shirley & Bill Traub

Barbie—Dick, Jeanna, & Tess Burrell

Casey—Dori Baker & Jenni Reinhart (Jenni pictured)

Charlie—Craig & Molly Black

Chet—Pandy Pridemore

Josh—Ryan Liersemann (pictured)

Pixie and Gypsy—Jennifer & Tony Bavry (pictured)

Stanley—Sherrie & Chris Sims



## VOLUNTEERS at work!

Volunteers and their dogs worked at awareness events around Ohio in July and August. They promoted HHGDR and adoption; educated the public about the horrors of puppy mills and pet store/puppy mill connections; and lobbied against irresponsible breeding.

The awareness events in Ohio included Pickerington Petfest, Doggie Dash 'n Splash Fest in Xenia, Eastgate of Cincinnati Health Care & Rehabilitation Dog Show, Finneytown Fourth of July parade, Franklin County's Mingle with our Mutts, PETSMART stores in Columbus, SuperPetz in Troy, and the Felicity Branch of Clermont County Public Library.



Dawn Williams and Nancy Marconett get help from JASMINE at Greene County's Doggie Dash 'n Splash Fest.

Volunteers also come to the Rescue every Saturday. They begin the day with a deep cleaning of the facility, then either

work with potential adopters or assist the dog-artists in creating dog-made art.



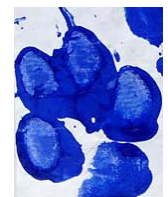
Pictured here (at left) is our premier artist, Mozart, in between paintings. The volunteers have stepped out of the picture to give the star his due!

Volunteers also visited the Rescue for monthly Grooming Days held on Sundays. Grooming Days give the dogs much-appreciated extra attention and an opportunity to make friends with new people.

Check the Web site for upcoming events in your area! <http://www.hhdane.com/events/events.htm>



Betty Shonebarger & Charlie Smith work with ERIC during the July Grooming Day.



Detail from Great Dane artist MOZART'S Blueberry Dane-ish, tempera on paper.



## DONORS AND SPONSORS—A huge thank you!

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## THANKS, KURANDA!

Kuranda USA, Inc., has been very supportive of the Rescue. Kuranda beds keep the dogs at the Rescue comfortable and off the floor. Please visit Kuranda's Web site and check out their wonderful beds, and tell them thanks for their good works!  
<http://www.kuranda.com/>

If you would like to donate a Kuranda bed to the Rescue at a special discounted price, go to our "How To Help" page and click on the Kuranda link.

See how comfortable Ben (at right) looks on his bed!





## OUR WISH LIST

### Dog

Bedding: blankets, *crocheted/knitted afghans & throws\**, sheets (all sizes, fitted & flat)

Beds: dog beds, futon frames & mattresses, mattresses (all sizes), rugs/floor mats

Dog food bowls (stainless steel)

*Dog toys\**

*Dog treats\**

Grooming products: cotton balls, ear cleaner, flea control (spray, dip, powder), shampoos (any & all types)

Medical supplies, including heartworm preventative

Money for vet bills (payable to All Creatures Animal Hospital but mailed to HHGDR so you will be given proper credit for tax deduction)

Slip leads

Stall rakes (apple pickers) & pooper scoopers (scoop & rake or spade style)

### CLEANING

Bleach

Carpet Fresh

Cleaning liquids (*Simple Green\**, window cleaner, & others)

*Clorox Outdoor bleach cleaner\**

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Dish soap (dishwasher and liquid)

Garbage bags (15-20 & 55 gal)

*Gravel or blacktop for grounds\**

Industrial squeegees

Laundry soap

Mop buckets with wringers

Mop heads (commercial type)

Paper towels

### SPECIAL

Medical supplies (human)

Gift certificates to pet stores, grocery stores, & department stores

Soft drinks /bottled water for volunteers

Money for buying supplies & bills (electric bill, water bill, gas, etc.)

*\* Highest need*

*Your financial support is what keeps us going.*

*Without you, we would not be able to save them.*

*Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone from our lists, we sincerely apologize.*

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## AWARENESS MAGNETS

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**LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...**

We have 59 Great Danes, 9 Saint Bernards, 2 other breeds, and 7 mixed breeds waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1191 Great Danes and other dogs.

## HHGDR eBay Fundraising Auctions



the last newsletter?

Keep an eye on the HHGDR eBay fundraising auctions! New items go up every week. See what you missed since

Visit [www.hhdane.com/](http://www.hhdane.com/) to link to all our auctions.

New are dog-artist-painted beautiful



and functional wooden frames and mirrors.



Both the Danes and the Katrina dogs continue to make art with a message.

“Ragdogs” are lovingly handcrafted and donated just for auction on eBay.



And be sure to get your Mozart “pawtographed” ball cap and T-shirt.

*Our heartfelt thanks to the many folks who both donated and purchased items! YOU keep us helping the dogs!*

A special thanks to Louise Peterson, Dane Sculptor, who donated her lovely and original work.

