



DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

Dear Santa,
We have tried to be good dogs this year! But we know that we may not have been good all year long, so we hope you will forgive us for our few bad days. We have our paws crossed that you will find it in your heart to give us a few presents. Yes, we know that the economy is still struggling, but hey we are homeless and are just dogs—we need and want new toys to play with!



GRACIE, a Sanctuary Dog, is watching for Santa!

Our first gift as always, we would love to have 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, and heck with the economy, we will be lucky if anyone at all gets adopted. So we are thinking realistically. We would like toys that would last us a few weeks, and not cause Grandma to worry about a blockage surgery because we ate it, plus toys are cheaper than surgery!

We also would not complain if you got us a few dog beds or crate pads. Below are our favorites, and yep, we have even included the link.

Of course Santa, we will be appreciative of anything we get, as Grandma tells us it is not polite to beg. 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 2 would be great, but 1 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 after all we also care about our planet and being green!



KIARA, a stray from Franklin County, is helping Gracie watch for the big guy in red!

Santa, just so you don't have to work too hard looking for our toys & stuff we have included some links where we found them. Of course please feel free to shop anywhere you prefer!

* <http://www.helpingudders.com/BigDogToys.htm>
(Helping Udders has toys just for big dogs including some we have never seen before! Plus if you buy there, **10% goes back to our Rescue.**)

* <http://www.kvet.com>

* <http://www.petedge.com>

* <http://www.dog.com>

Have a Happy Holiday!

Hugs and Slobbers

All the dogs at HHGDR

Inside this issue:



Dear Santa	1
Holiday Wish List	1
Warren & Krystal	2
Mature Dogs	3
Volunteer News	3-4
Rainbow Bridge & New Adoptions	5
Donor & Sponsor News	6
Holiday Fundraisers	7
Mozart's Art	8

The Rescue will be closed for adoption appointments from December 19 to January 7.

Don't let that stop you from donating, purchasing sponsorships or Mozart's art work!



Ornament or magnet—you choose! Art by MOZART DANE.

OUR 2010 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Toys

- * BiteABones (Bowser 8 ½") any flavor, we aren't picky
- * Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- * Bones: Sterilized (large or giant)
- * Nylabone: Knots (large or giant)
- * Nylabone: Bones (giant or souper)
- * Rope Toys (XL)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large only, please)

- * Tough By Nature: JW Bowling Pins (large only, please)
- * Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus or Chicken
- * Zogotlex: Būmi, Hurley, or Huck (large only, please)

BEDS

- * Comfy K-9 Dog Beds Big Dog Beds
- * Comfy K-9 Ex-Large Crate Pads
- * <http://www.comfyk9.com>

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



WARREN & KRYSTAL Tell Their Stories



Warren

My short life has not been a pleasant one.

Until I came to the Rescue I had lived my entire life outside. I have a hernia so large that they say my intestines could fall out, and my right rear leg was broken when I was around a week old and left to heal on its own. When my breeder realized I could not be sold they contacted HHGDR. Luckily the Rescue took me.

The Rescue wasted no time taking me to the veterinarian—within 24 hours I was being x-rayed. My leg has been re-broken and set with plates. I will go back to see the vet next week for a check up then in 10–14 days my stitches will come out. Later I get to have another surgery to fix my hernia and be neutered. I now am inside and have a really soft bed and tons of toys to play with!

<http://hhdane.org/danes/warren.htm>

Krystal

A woman purchased me from a backyard breeder thinking she could give me a better life.



I was living outside with several other Danes in a dog run. I had never been inside, not even to whelp puppies. Unfortunately when she got me home she realized I was in worse shape than she had thought. She took me to her vet and he diagnosed me with pyometra and said I needed surgery ASAP. But when he told her how much it would cost she said she could not afford it. She contacted the Rescue and lucky for me they agreed to take me.

I am very lucky to be alive—during the 4-hour emergency surgery the vets discovered that my uterus had burst, allowing the infection to spread throughout. I was in critical condition but am now doing better than expected.

<http://hhdane.org/danes/krystal.htm>

Please, can you spare a few dollars to help the Rescue continue to help us and other Danes like us? It would be greatly appreciated! Without the Rescue who knows where we would have ended up.

Thanks, Warren & Krystal



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.

POISON CONTROL HOT LINES... Keep these Numbers by your Phone

Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine's free poison control hot line is available M-F, 8–5 at 785-532-5679.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's emergency hot line (fee-based) is available 24-hours at 1-888-426-4435. Additional information on the PCC [Web site](#).

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. We became a registered 501(c)3 non-profit in 1998, and to date have placed 1,383 dogs, primarily Great Danes, in carefully screened “forever” homes. Serving all of Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana, we currently have 30 dogs 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).

Unlike large nonprofits with paid employees whose directors receive large salaries, HHGDR has no paid employees. Not one person receives any financial compensation for the work they do for the Rescue. The only pay anyone receives is the gratification of helping the homeless dogs, as well as dog kisses and hugs!

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/>



“MATURE” DOGS NEED LOVE TOO! By Melinda Villao

“Can we handle an older dog?”

“Will we be able to care for a third dog?”

“Do we want to adopt a dog we’ll only have for a few years?”

The answer is, without a doubt, yes! Two years ago, I was faced with the same questions.

Tim had transported 8-year-old Paco to the Rescue from Franklin County Animal Shelter. Almost a year later, he went back to volunteer and Paco was still there.

My phone rang while I was out of town at a family gathering. Tim asked if he could bring Paco home. Those questions swirled through my head. To tell you the truth, I was still unsure when I got off the phone and slightly upset Tim would bombard me with a question like that. I’ve always been the more rational one and looked before I jumped, but it wasn’t my house the dog was coming to live in. So, I left the final decision to Tim. He definitely made the right one because there is never a day that goes by when I’m not glad Paco chose us as his forever family.

The second I walked through the door, Paco looked up at me with his big sad eyes. I sat down on the floor and Paco put his spotted head on my leg. To this day, I think he was trying to make sure his daddy wasn’t in the doghouse!

Throughout the next couple years, Paco became my big shadow. He would go to the bedroom with Tim when it was time to sleep, but would come out within minutes because I was still in the living room watching TV or doing my homework. If I fell asleep on the couch, he would spend the night on the dog bed near me. If I left the living room to fold laundry in the bedroom, he would make his way down the hallway to lie on his dog bed under my feet. I returned the favor after Paco began having problems with his legs earlier this year. Towards the summer, he tried less and less to go to the bedroom to sleep with everyone else. Instead he slept on his bed in the living room. So, I decided it was my turn to sleep on the couch near him.

Tim and I made the decision to put Paco to sleep just a few weeks ago. It was a rough week before it happened and it has been rough since. If you are thinking about adopting another dog, I ask you to please consider choosing an older one. Adopting an older dog doesn’t mean you won’t develop a meaningful bond with your new family member. To tell you the truth, it might even be stronger.

All he wanted was a family to love him and after he got it, he never hesitated expressing his gratitude. Like one of our friends said when he heard our sad news, “He wasn’t a puppy, but a mature dog who just needed a little love.”

Don’t forget to
renew your
Ohio dog li-
cense!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Beth Sedlock

Bio: Hometown: Columbus, Ohio born and raised. Occupation: Buyer and sales associate for Nationwide Activities Association (employee gift shop), and my own cleaning business.

Owned by: 3 Great Danes, Petey, Brutus, Shana; 1 Dalmatian, Scarlet; and 2 parrots.

Current HHGDR work: Awareness events, grooming days, cleaning days, dog food delivery, painting, shipping MOZART’s paintings, anything to help.

HHGDR History: I started coming for grooming days and doing Petsmart events right after I adopted Petey in 2008. I’ve become more involved this last year.

High point: Just talking to people about the Rescue and telling them how wonderful the dogs are. Since most of what I have done has been at the Rescue, just the affection that the dogs give when I am there. Coming to the Rescue is my stress release from the week of work.





VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING AWARENESS EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Kathy Amrein | Jim Keiser | Melinda Villao |
| Dori Baker | Pam Keller | Marsha Wheeler |
| Andy & Wendi Beauseau | Jillian Lenczicki | Dawn Williams |
| Zach Boll | Ed Luksic | Jonathan Williams |
| Jonathan & Eline Brandt | Beth Mack | Ken & Jo Williams |
| Janet Carleton | Nancy Marconett | Judy & Tom Yacks |
| Jessica Carrick-Dumchus | Thomas Mattingly | |
| Don Corsmeier | Christe McGarry | <i>Attorneys</i> |
| Mame, Craig, Summer, & Bentley Corson | Amy & Steve Miller | Mary Beth Gettins |
| Ken & Kelly Eiker | Kire Murtanovsky | James Tomaszewski |
| Dale Francis | Katie Pfierman | <i>Veterinarians</i> |
| Cory Freading | Jenni Reinhart | Mark Hayes |
| Mary Beth Gettins | Mike & Beth Sedlock | Frank Norvell |
| Timothy Goings | Sandra Seidman | Lee Schrader |
| Thelma Goris | Betty Shonebarger | Steve Schrader |
| Lauren Herman | Charlie Smith | |
| Doug Hull | Barbara & Brian Spatz | <i>Thank you for all you do!</i> |
| | Brian Trejo | |



Dori Baker, Marsha Wheeler, Tim Goings, and Charlie Smith were part of recent office painting efforts.



Volunteers work at many much needed tasks. These tasks include cleaning and upkeep of the Rescue facility, transporting dogs and supplies, Grooming Day at the Rescue, awareness and fundraising events around our adoption region, collecting proofs of purchase, publicity/outreach, and writing for the newsletter.

Volunteers at awareness events set up a table with educational material provided by the Rescue and bring their dogs along. Passerby meet the successfully adopted dogs and listen to stories about those that need forever homes.

HHGDR would love to put **you** to work helping the homeless dogs too! Please check the Rescue site for events in your area. <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Betty—Brent & Theresa L. Kraus

Bruce—Margaret & Hurbert Mills

Bubba—Charlie Smith & Betty Shonebarger

Casey—Jenni Reinhart

Clementine—Gabe & Sandra Seidman

Eddie—Michele & Eric Hankins

Jeremy—Lisa & Rodney Harrison

Lance, Ruthie, Pam—Dale & Tom Bath

Marley—Patricia & Bob Baird

Misty aka Moxy—Ted Snyder

Paco—Tim Goings & Melinda Villao

Sandy—Rebecca & Dan Miller



RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Billy—Steve & Kathy Kraus

Lona—Todd & Bari Rutherford

Samson—Kate Pearson & Nicholas McLain

Sneak—Bob & Soni Derge

Zara—Tom Mattingly & Jonathon Williams



Magnets by Mozart!

Purchasing paw-painted ornaments and magnets help you show your support for the Rescue and are cute to boot! Perfect as stocking stuffers or small gifts to co-workers or teachers.

http://hhdane.org/mozart/mo_crafts.htm



DONORS AND SPONSORS—A Huge Thank You!



Dori Baker
 Jennifer & Tony Bavry
 The Big Dog Bunch
 Donald & Patricia Blum
 Kimberly Borchardt-Hammer, in honor of
 Jim Spiro's birthday
 Michelle Botts
 Eline & Jonathan Brandt
 Janet Carleton
 Joseph & Kimberly Coffey
 Collar Me Happy, for Sapphire
 Annette Condon
 Julie & Joe Corbin
 Don Corsmeier
 Mame & Craig Corson
 Kelly Davidian
 Debbie Eades, in memory of Opal and
 Pearl
 Donna & Wayne Fanta
 Flex USA
 Caryn Gall, in memory of Kevin
 Szalkowski
 Mary Beth Gettins
 Tim Goings, for Sapphire

Thelma Goris
 Hartz Corporation
 Myreda Johnson
 Theresa & Brent Kraus
 Chip Leader
 Jillian Lenczicki
 Beth Mack
 Thomas Mattingly
 Sonia McCullough
 Sara & Kevin McDaniel, for the Sanctuary
 Dogs
 Christe McGarry
 Amy & Steve Miller
 Mt Healthy Animal Hospital & clients
 Darry Nadler, for Sapphire
 Beverly & Michael Obrien
 Shannon Okey, in honor of Kevin Szalkowski
 Petsmart Charties
 Katie Pfierman
 Margaret Ports
 Pro Plan, Rally to Rescue
 Rylee-Ann Romero
 Todd & Bari Rutherford

Sam's Club Eastgate
 Sidney Sauerbrunn
 Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock
 Sandra & Gabriel Seidman
 Betty Shonebarger
 Janet Shumaker
 Amy Smith, for Sapphire
 Donald Smith
 Robert & Nancy Stanley, in honor of Judy
 VanGheluwe's birthday
 Robin Strohm, for Kingston
 Tori Tedesco
 Linda Veraldo, in memory of Kevin
 Szalkowski
 Melinda Villao, for Sapphire
 Kim Weeks, for Sapphire
 Jana Wheeler
 Marsha Wheeler
 Dawn Williams
 Jo & Ken Williams
 Jonathan Williams
 Judy & Tom Yacks
 Amy & Dustin Young

THANK YOU!

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 of donors and volunteers, we sincerely apologize.



Song & Dane-ce by MOZART. 8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.



Charis-mo-tic-Dane by MOZART. 16 x 20", acrylic on canvas.



HOLIDAY SEASON FUNDRAISERS—Helping the Rescue

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 website or a check via mail.



Mozart Dane's Crafts & Apparel



Mo still has a back stock of craft items—these pawtographed and paw-painted items are available for purchase directly from the Rescue website.



Each item is one of a kind—no two are exactly alike!



Apparel items come in assorted colors and feature Mo's paw print and name, and include T-shirts, tank tops, and ball caps. Gift and tote bags also feature paw prints.



Ornaments and magnets feature Mo's free-form paw painting technique (you choose: drilled hole for hanging or magnet on back).



Show the world your support for Mo and the Rescue, and remember, all proceeds go to care for the homeless dogs at the Rescue!

<http://hhdane.org/mozart/crafts.htm> or mozart@hhdane.org



WILLIE MO: My owners lost their home and were unable to take me with them to their new home. I am a very sweet, loving, and playful boy and just want a forever home.



JULIET: Me and my brother ROMEO were dumped to fend for ourselves on the rural country roads of Darke County. I love to play and snuggle and am looking for my forever home!



HAYDEN: I'm a Sanctuary Dog living out my days in safety and love at the Rescue. My previous owners got a new puppy and didn't want an older snuggiebug like me anymore.



HERSHEY: My first owners took me to the Franklin County Animal Shelter when they were moving to New York and could not take me. I am very big and very playful and need an active family so I do not get bored.





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

Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue
11567 State Route 774
Bethel, Ohio 45106-8634

937-379-2231
info@hhdane.org
<http://www.hhdane.org/>



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

LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 28 Great Danes, 1 other breed, and 1 mixed breed dog waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1383 dogs.

Happy Holidays
from all the
Rescue dogs!



ART WITH A MISSION by Mozart Dane



Cardinals in Mozart's Garden by MOZART. 8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

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

This year Mo has premiered many new paintings just for the holiday season. And in early November, Three Dog Bakery-Columbus hosted Mo and his paintings at the Short North Gallery Hop where Mo made more new friends and visited some old.

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.

To view and purchase Mo's paintings and crafts, and find out about upcoming events, please see <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



To interact with Mo online, visit him on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Flickr](#).