



HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE NEWSLETTER

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ADOPTION: A STORY OF A CHANGING FAMILY by Jessica Dumchus

I remember when we moved into our first house. My husband and I were thrilled to have a place to call home. We spent countless hours painting, decorating and making this new house “home.” Unfortunately, not far down the road, we realized that something was missing. We eventually filled that void with our adopted Dane, Jimmy.

The decision to adopt a Dane did not come easily. My husband had grown up with black Lab puppies and wanted another. I grew up with various mutts and loved every one. In the years after college, I lived alone in an apartment and fostered a Great Dane. I fell in love with my Dane, and had mixed feelings about him finding his forever home because I knew I had become attached to him. I was excited about the next opportunity to have a Dane in my life. So, naturally, the wife won out on this one and we went to visit the Dane Rescue.

Jimmy was with us for a little over a year when my husband and I made the decision that we were ready to become parents to a human child. I spent nine months baby planning and used the rest of the time to plan for Jimmy’s reaction. I got advice to spend time with Jimmy and my belly, so that’s just what I did.

In December of 2008, our family (Jimmy, my husband, and myself) welcomed our first daughter home. Though I was exhausted, I found humor in the fact that Jimmy barked at her very first cries. If I was a dog, I would bark at this noisy member of the family, too! Though research helps, I was still curious to see how this would impact our lifestyle with Jimmy.

Weeks after our daughter came home, it became blatantly obvious that this was such a beautiful symbiotic relationship with close family ties. My friends marveled at how such a giant dog could be so gentle and caring



JIMMY and Rian moments after they were sharing the same toy and worked together to throw it between the railings.

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2ND ANNUAL PAWS FOR A CAUSE: JUNE 19



The 2nd Annual Paws for a Cause will be held on Saturday, June 19, NOON–5 PM, on the campus of The Ohio State University, in the Weigel Hall Auditorium, 1866 N. College Road, Columbus.

Sponsored by CardinalHealth, all proceeds will go to Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue. CardinalHealth will match all donations and ticket purchases up to \$5,000!

The silent auction will start promptly at noon, followed by the concert. Refreshments provided.

Musical entertainment during the silent auction will be provided by Columbus State Community College Woodwind Ensemble.

The concert following the silent auction will feature harpist James Predovich, flautist Nicole Charles, and the CardinalHealth Choir.

Tickets are \$10 in advance (through June 18) and \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets or make a donation, visit <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>.

More information: James at 614-915-7412 or danebenefit@gmail.com

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Climbing Roses by MOZART DANE. 24 x 12", acrylic on canvas.

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around a small baby. Jimmy no longer barked at the cries and I loved watching his eyes follow her around the house.

Now, 16 months into our evolving family story, I still love to sit back and watch Jimmy watch our daughter. I get plenty of funny pictures with her giving Jimmy some “nice pets” as we refer to it in our household. I take wonderful videos of our gentle giant in the corner trying not to disturb her on the floor next to him as she’s talking to him in her toddler language.

I really think they have conversations back and forth about how to spread toys out and try to trip me going down the stairs—they’re working as a collective unit! I spent the first 9 months separating their toys from one another and now she applies the newest learned

lesson on sharing to our dog with her toys.

I get time now to sit and reflect on the decisions we made. They always say that hindsight is 20/20, and I’m happy to see the picture the way I’d still want it to be seen today!

Many people agonize over the decisions about what time is a “good” time to get a dog, or what breed would be best for their situation. I am a strong advocate for adopting a Great Dane. My personal experience proves that Danes can fit into a range of life styles and life stages, and the joy that comes from knowing that the adopted Dane will have a kind and loving homes is most satisfying. I would tell anyone that they should do their homework first, and I hope that their efforts end with the adoption of a new family member....a Great Dane.

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.

WHY DO DOGS BITE CHILDREN?

There are several possible reasons why a dog may bite a child.

The dog may be protecting a possession—food, toy, bone, water dish, puppies, his bed, owner, or owner’s property.

The child may do something to frighten or provoke the dog such as getting in the dog’s space, leaning or stepping over the dog, hugging the dog, or even trying to take something from the dog.

The child hurts the dog by stepping on him, poking him, or pulling his tail or ears.

The child is running and/or screaming near the dog, or riding a bicycle too close to the dog, and the dog feels threatened.

The child and dog are playing too rough and the dog gets overly excited and accidentally bites the child.

A Few of the Warning Signs

There are always warning signs before a dog bite occurs, but they are often missed.

The dog may appear to tolerate being mauled by a child and then one day bites out of frus-

tration. Often the warning signs have gone on for months or even longer before the dog finally loses its patience and bites.

Watch for these warning signs,

- The dog looks away from the child and/or appears to be ignoring the child.
- The dog looks at you with a pleading or aggravated expression.
- The dog gets up and moves away from the child or when the child enters the room the dog gets up and leaves.

Make sure children know that they should only pet happy dogs, and always with supervision.

Many people think that their dog loves to have children climbing all over him and hugging him, but if you see any of these warning signs, then you are being warned that a bite will occur if the dog feels he has no other way of protecting himself.

Do your dog a favor and correct your child if you notice any of these signs. Your dog does not deserve to tolerate being abused.

Health Info Available on Website

Unfortunately, along with summer fun, comes danger of over-heating, ticks, and poisoning, among others. The Rescue website has articles on these issues and more. See <http://hhdane.org/care/caremain.htm> and <http://hhdane.org/medical/medicalmain.htm> for helpful information for you and your dog.

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 Web site and by request. <http://www.hhdane.org/>



PREPARING FOR BABY

Preparing to Bring the Baby Home

You should always prepare the dog for the arrival of the new baby. Too many times parents don't bother to prepare their dog for the new addition then dump the dog because they have a new baby. Remember your dog was your baby first! Being prepared reduces the stress for you and your dog.

If you have not already taken your dog to obedience enroll her now and be sure she knows the commands "sit" and "down." Be consistent with your commands. If your dog isn't already socialized with children, work with her around children of all ages in a positive environment. Know your dog. Know when your dog is stressed or upset and when she is happy and relaxed!

Start changing your schedule. Your schedule will be very different once there is a new baby in the home so change feeding times, change exercise times, and vary your routine daily.

Make your dog part of the entire process when you put the baby bed together or any other baby items, have your dog be part of it! Let her become familiar with these items especially swings, stroll-

ers, and other items that move or make noise.

Have your dog feel your belly so she understands what is happening. Let her smell the lotions and other baby smells. Get a CD of baby sounds to introduce her to these new sounds.

Plan ahead. If you are unsure if you will have time to continue your dog's walks, hire someone to help whether they will take care of the baby or take your dog for a walk. Let your dog meet this helper prior to having the baby.

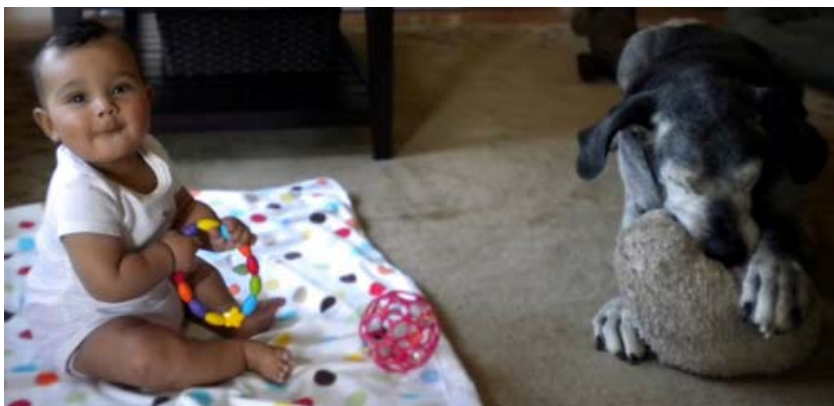
Remember having a baby and a dog is no different than having a second child. The older child would need quality time and so will your dog! Would you dump the older child just because you have a new baby?

Safety After the Baby Arrives

Never leave the baby alone with the dog even for a second—even one second is too long to leave a dog alone with a baby. If you have to leave the room for any reason take the dog or baby with you or close the door and separate the two. Avoid sticking the baby in the dog's face or letting the dog lick the baby's face. Make sure the dog has at least 10-15 minutes of one-on-one time with you each day.

Give your dog a safe place where the baby won't be—give treats and special toys there. This is especially important as the baby grows up. The baby should have his safe places and so should your dog!

Use only positive reinforcement training methods with your dog. Never punish or scold her in the presence of the baby. You want all associations with the baby to be positive.



Linnea Townsend and DAVEY enjoy quiet supervised play time. DAVEY, an "only child" for years, has adapted well to the newest addition to the Townsend family.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Dori Baker

Bio: Dori lives in Cincinnati with her husband and children. She is manager of Best Friends Pet Care.

Owned by: 2 Great Danes, RAVEN and HENDRIX; 1 Labradane, BENSON; 1 Pug, NAPOLEON; 1 MinPin/Chihuahua, LUCY; 1 Chihuahua, TIDO; 3 cats; 1 rabbit, and 1 turtle.

Current HHGDR work: "All miscellaneous duties as assigned."

HHGDR History: Began volunteering in January 2003.

High points: Each one of my adoptions and all the dogs I get to meet and care for. I've met some wonderful people who work tirelessly to keep the Rescue going. Watching MOZART and his work progress from craft items to real fine art. Meeting the director and being doused with flea dip on my very first Grooming Day is probably my fondest memory—I haven't had fleas since. *And I would like to thank my husband Brad, who helps care for my dogs and also has made sure the children get to where they need to be while I am pursuing my passion of caring for the dogs at the Rescue.*



The dogs take Mom (Dori Baker) for a walk. L to R: RAVEN, BENSON, and HENDRIX



VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

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VOLUNTEERS—It's All About You!



Bailey and Abbi Simms work with MICAH during a recent Grooming Day at the Rescue. Volunteers converge on the Rescue monthly to deep clean the facility and give the dogs extra grooming and attention.

Volunteers perform **all** tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff!

Some volunteers work at awareness and fundraising events all around our adoption region. Others help with cleaning and upkeep of the Rescue facility and transporting dogs and supplies. Still others help with activities such as writing for the newsletter, collecting proofs of purchase, and PR.

Many awareness events are held at festivals and pet supply stores. Volunteers set up a table with educational material provided by the Rescue and bring their dogs along. Passersby enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that still need forever homes. Volunteers also educate on the pet store/puppy mill connection and the need for spay/neuter of all pets.

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

Attention volunteers: please send photos documenting your events to the director—you may even see them turn up here.



RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Anthony, Dante, Scarlett—Tom & Dale Bath
Jake—Christe McGarry
James Klabusich—Becky, Lindy & Olivia
Klabusich
Marlee—Kay Bryant

Norton—Jennifer Jones & Kevin Kremer
Moses—Annette Condon
Pixie—Jen & Tony Bavry
Samantha—Charles & Cathy Ferrell
Sam—Sandy & Richard Musolf

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



Beth Mack (on right) and Tom Yacks talk with an interested customer at MOZART DANE's Art with a Mission booth at the Bethel Art and Music Festival. Volunteers are always needed to help with Mo's art shows and to substitute for staff at the Rescue on art days.



Dane-sies of the Meadow by MOZART DANE. 16 x 20", acrylic on canvas.



KEIFER is looking for a forever home, but first his kennel cough and heartworm must be treated—a long and expensive process.



JONAS and his sister MALIN were found wandering the busy streets of Columbus.



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ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED, NEEDED, AND TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Planned gifts are a vital pathway to the financial future of Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue. To honor the Danes with your long-term gift is perhaps the most compelling way you can make a difference in their lives.

We are very thankful to anyone who remembers Harlequin Haven in a will, trust, life insurance policy, and/or other planned gift.

Please check with your attorney or other professional consultant to make sure your plans conform to all relevant laws.

Thank You!



WISH LIST (Highest Need)

- Clorox Outdoor Bleach
- Crocheted/knitted afghans & throws
- Dog toys
- Dog treats
- Gravel for grounds
- Minivan to transport dogs
- Simple Green cleaner

For the complete Wish List, see "How To Help" on the Web site.

<http://hhdane.org/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm>



LANI would like a forever home with another dog to play with.

CHILDREN AND DOGS' INTERACTIONS

Have you ever heard anyone say "My dog loves children—she lets them climb on her or pull her tail or ears, etc." Well the truth is the dog may tolerate that behavior but the dog does not like it! Would you? Absolutely not!

Dogs do not want to be abused and that is what some parents are allowing to happen to their dogs. Then, when the dog gets hurt and bites, it is the dogs fault! How many parents have smacked or spanked their child because the child did something that hurt them? More than will ever own up to it I guarantee that. No dog should be forced to put up with this abuse—it is the parents' job to teach your children proper and safe behavior around dogs.

Children should never be left unsupervised with a dog—not even for a minute. Children need to be taught to treat a dog with kindness and respect. To see if your dog likes the treatment given by your child, have your child stop doing what he is doing to the dog and see if the dog goes to the child for more or whether the dog ignores the child or gets up and leaves the room.

If your child is bitten it is your fault as a parent. You need to educate your child on proper behavior and respect. You as parents need to learn what not to allow your child to do and what you need to do to keep your child safe!

- Children should never hug or kiss a dog! Why do you think so many children are bitten in the face? Because their face was in the dog's face.
- Never allow your child to run up to a strange dog—teach your child the proper way to approach a dog!
- Never let your child approach a dog that is eating or chewing, or allow your child to take food or a toy from a dog.
- Never approach or wake a sleeping dog.
- Never reach through a fence to pet a dog.
- Never punish your dog for growling at a child. This may not seem right (and may even go against the advice of some dog trainers), but this is your dog's way of saying "Back off—I do not like what is happening!" Be thankful that your dog chose to warn with a growl rather than just biting. If you punish the growling, your dog may not give the warning growl the next time and may bite without warning.
- Teach your child proper behavior with a dog. If your child is too young or doesn't learn then your child should not be around the dog until you have control of your child.



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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 30 Great Danes, 3 other breeds, and 3 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1368 dogs.



Violas at Mo-night by MOZART DANE. 8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

Mo paints with his paws to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs. Sales of his art help support the Rescue. Please come out and meet Mo and see his art at these summer venues:

Through June 30—Three Dog Bakery, Columbus

July 24—Lazy Dog Days of Summer Festival, Grandview Heights

August 14—Art on the Lawn, Yellow Springs

If you know of a space that works with local artists, that would be a good match for Mo's work, contact him at mozart@hhdane.org.

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

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