



# HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE NEWSLETTER

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your next best friend may be  
waiting there for you!

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## TONIGHT YOUR DOG DIED IN MY ARMS By Judy Yacks

**T**onight your dog died in my arms. My husband and I took a day off from work and we spent our last precious hours together. We walked the yard, snuggled on the couch and cut lilacs for our Rescue director. But wait, this precious Great Dane **wasn't** your dog! You surrendered that title when you called the Rescue to surrender your dog. But you couldn't wait the 12 hours to arrange a transport, so you dumped her in a kill shelter. She loved you and trusted you, for seven years. She was terrified. **You** had abandoned her.

Thankfully, a kind woman pulled this sweet girl from the shelter and took her home until transport could be arranged. Frightened, she cowered and hid under the table. Did you understand me the first time? She loved **you** and trusted **you...** for seven years. How could you desert her?



My husband drove the transport and when her evaluation time was up, this four-legged bundle of love and shyness joined our family. Do you get the choice of words? She wasn't our dog; she was a member of our family...FOREVER.

You may have had her during her youthful years, but she shared with us her loving years. The transition wasn't easy. You left her with baggage. How could she trust us? Would we abandon her too? But patience and gentle reassurance convinced her that this truly was a forever home, no matter what. And our girl

began to blossom. She loved to snuggle on the bed with my husband and me, but although she trusted us and loved us, she never quite gave her being to a male. Who in your life did that to her? And no matter how much I gently stroked and petted her, who made her so hand shy that her skin quivered with the first touch?



There are so many memories we will always carry. The way we laughed and joked that she was a greyhound in disguise, finding joy in the freedom of a good run, while running her 2 wind sprints around the perimeter of the yard before she came in to eat; the way she would stroll into the computer room to keep me company when I had work to do; the way she took our disabled puppy under her protection and offered up her butt for a pillow when they shared the couch; and finally the way she gently kissed my fingers as I stroked her to ease her breathing on her second to last night with us before she crossed the rainbow bridge.

I want to hate you for your callous abandonment of this beautiful, loving Dane. But had you not turned your back on her, she would never have found her way to our family. She filled our lives with joy and love and we are forever changed for having shared love with her. You may have had her early years, but we had the best years.

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## OHIO PET LICENSE PLATES

The Ohio Pet License Plates are vehicle registration tags that raise funds for education and spay/neuter for dogs and cats that are adopted from qualifying agencies, and for pets of low-income families.



HHGDR was fortunate to win one of these grants this year, funding approximately half

of the year's S/N budget.

You can order your pet plate even if it is not time to renew your license tags—other license fees will be pro-rated. Just go to [Oplates.com](http://Oplates.com) or stop by your Deputy Registrar's office. More information at <http://petsohio.com/>



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run organization.  
Donations are tax-  
deductible!



**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.

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

# GHIANTI & TREY Tell Their Stories

## GHIANTI



I have had a long hard life in a short amount of time. I was left in a basement to starve to death! My owner, her brother, and his girlfriend were all tried and convicted of animal cruelty. I think the pictures tell the story.

I want to thank the Butler County Dog Warden and the Animal Friends Humane Society for saving my life and getting justice for me. It took 3 months but it was worth it! As soon as the judge gave ownership of me to AFHS, I was immediately released to Harlequin Haven.

I still have a ways to go before being ready for a new home. My tail was injured and needed to be amputated, I still have skin issues, plus I need to gain more weight. Upon arrival to the Rescue I weighted 104 pounds—now I'm up to 118.4.

Although I have been abused and neglected I still love humans!

<http://hhdane.org/danes/ghianti.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, GHIANTI & TREY*

## TREY

My dad purchased me from a backyard breeder that refused to take me back. So dad released me to HHGDR when mom left us and he had nowhere to go with me. Dad was a long distance truck driver and although he wanted to try to have me ride along, the company he worked for said no.

The great part about coming to the Rescue, besides getting my leg fixed, is I have found one of my litter mates! SAPPHIRE is my sister and has told me how great the Rescue is!

I am deaf and also have had HOD. The Rescue took me to see the orthopedic surgeon about my right front leg. He said he could repair my leg but that it will never be perfect. I had surgery on June 28 and am now recovering. I have a ways to go yet to pay the whole bill. Thanks to all that have donated towards my surgery so far, we could not have done it without you!

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



## ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 non-profit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,410 dogs in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana. Currently 32 dogs are 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). In 2010 HHGDR spent nearly \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Unlike some large nonprofits with paid employees and directors with large salaries, HHGDR has no paid employees. Not one person receives financial compensation for the work done for the Rescue—the only pay 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](mailto:janet.carleton@gmail.com).

Current and back issues are available from the website and by request. <http://www.hhdane.org/>



## FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER by Christe McGarry

The 11th annual fundraiser for HHGDR was held at Forest Elementary School in Troy, Ohio, on Friday, June 3. (This school was previously named Van Cleve Elementary.)

Linda McGarry, my mother, is the librarian at the school. She organizes the event each year for HHGDR with the wonderful staff and students. During the month of May the students raise money for HHGDR and we then reward them for their hard work by bringing in Danes for an entire school day for the children to pet and love.

We hear over and over that this is by far the children's favorite day of the entire school year. And, they amaze us each year with their incredible efforts and creative ways to earn money for the

Rescue. While we spend time with the students, we also slip in some education about spay/neuter and responsible pet ownership.

This year the dedicated students and staff were able to donate \$430 to HHGDR. Due to the economy, we did not raise as much as we normally do, but seeing the students interacting with the dogs, we feel it was a success nonetheless.

A special thank you to the volunteers and dogs who helped with the event: Victory Dorrian with TOBY and ZACHARY, Christe McGarry with GIA and BRODY, Dori Reinhart with BENSON, and Amy Young with KOHL and KARLI.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Beth Mack

**Bio:** Born, raised, and currently lives in Cincinnati. One daughter, Katie.

**Owned by:** Three Great Danes, NALA, CINDY, and CARRIE; one mixed breed, CALLIE; and two cats, OPIE AND MILLIE.

**Current HHGDR work:** Saturdays for cleaning and appointments and grooming days; MOZART art shows; and anything I can do to help the Rescue.

**HHGDR history:** Adopted CAYLAN in 1995, began volunteering in 2005.

**High points:** Getting to know the dogs at the Rescue and seeing them learn to love and trust again. Witnessing the sheer happiness, gratitude, and love in their eyes when they find their forever home. Watching in amazement when a dog "chooses" his or her adopter—which usually brings tears to my eyes!





## VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

HHGDR advocates for the Spay and Neuter of all pets. There aren't enough homes for them all!

**Attention Volunteers:**  
**We would love photos of your activities!**  
**Please send them to the Rescue.**

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Becky Adams                          | Thelma Goris         | Charlie Smith         |
| Kathy Amrein                         | Chuck & Lisa Hegland | Barbara & Brian Spatz |
| Dori Baker                           | Doug Hull            | Marty Valentine       |
| Jonathan & Eline Brandt              | Jim Keiser           | Melinda Villao        |
| Melissa Cannon                       | Ryan Liersmann       | Marsha Wheeler        |
| Janet Carleton                       | Ed Luksic            | Jo Williams           |
| Michelle Chinn                       | Beth Mack            | Judy & Tom Yacks      |
| Don Corsmeier                        | Nancy Marconett      | Amy Young             |
| Mame, Craig, Summer & Bentley Corson | Thomas Mattingly     | <i>Attorney</i>       |
| Monika Dail                          | Christe McGarry      | Mary Beth Gettins     |
| Victory Dorrian                      | Linda McGarry        |                       |
| Ken & Kelly Eiker                    | Amy & Steve Miller   | <i>Veterinarians</i>  |
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| Cory Freadling                       | Dan Nusbaum          | Mark Hayes            |
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| Tara Gifford                         | Mike & Beth Sedlock  | Lee Schrader          |
| Timothy Goings                       | Sandra Seidman       | Steve Schrader        |
|                                      | Betty Shonebarger    |                       |

## VOLUNTEERS—It wouldn't happen without you!



Volunteers perform **all** the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Almost any task a business would need, the Rescue needs too. Some tasks require actually visiting the Rescue, many others do not.

**We would love to have you—please email the Rescue at [info@hhdane.org](mailto:info@hhdane.org) for a volunteer application.**

In addition to the regular care and grooming the dogs receive, a Grooming Day is held once a month when a group of volunteers come to the Rescue to “love on” the homeless dogs and give each one an extra-thorough grooming.

Awareness events are often held at festivals and pet supply stores. 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.

Please check the Rescue website for events in your area!  
<http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



Clockwise from top left: Beth Sedlock at Dash For Dobes in Franklin County, Ohio, with SIANA and COOPER; Monika Dail and Tara Gifford at Mingle With Our Mutts in Montgomery County, Ohio, with KEIF-ER; Ed Luksic at Petsmart with CHARLIE, BERKLEY and MARIE; CARESSA Corson at Mingle With Our Mutts in Franklin County, Ohio; and Margaret Mills with KEVIN during Grooming Day at the Rescue.



## RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Alex—Tim Goings & Melinda Villao	Joplin—Allen & Stacy Duff
Bart—John & Melodie Whitacre	Mac—Gina Giallombardo
Betty—Twyla Black	Nikki—Todd & Stacy Hott
Brutus—Christopher & Valerie Robinette	Isabella—Tina & Brian Norris
Christine AKA Chelsea—Victory & Frank Dorrian	Riley—Greg & Laura Prisco
Elliott—Ray & Pamela Paul	Sherman—Mary Beth Gettings & Sidney Sauerbrunn
Friendly—Sandra & Gabe Seidman	Sydney—Pookie Kostuk
Guinness II, Julie, Jasmine, Lil' Larry—Tom & Dale Bath	Wyatt—Eunice & John Ravenna
Gypsy—Tony & Jen Bavry	Zara—Tom Mattingly & Jonathon Williams
Jaycee—Tom & Judy Yacks	Ziva—Michelle, Steven, Matt, John, & Alyssa Heather
Jean Baer—Jo & Ken Williams	Zoe—Sandy & Steve Nichols

## RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Ainsley—Betty Shonebarger	Cooper—Charlie Smith
Bubba—Tim Goings & Melinda Villao	Destinee—Lynette & Andrew Martin
Chantilly—Doug & Mary Hull	Eva—Michelle & Craig Kersey
Charlie and Marie—Kathy Amrein	Makayla—Megan Brewster & Sean Harshman
	Zeff—Meghan & John Board





## DONORS & SPONSORS—Thank You!

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Courtney Lymber  
Beth Mack  
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Lynette & Andrew Martin  
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 Jean Baer, mother of Jo Williams  
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 her generous ways—she helps all  
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**THANK YOU!**



**Paw-ple Skies** by MOZART DANE.  
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<http://hhdane.org/mozart>

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 an all-  
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## WAYS TO HELP THE RESCUE

### Our Highest Priority Wish List

- ⚙ Dog Treats
- ⚙ Dog Toys
- ⚙ Crocheted or knitted afghans & throws

For the complete Wish List, see "How To Help" on the website. Thank You!

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

### Donate Dog Beds

- ⚙ Kuranda
- ⚙ Comfy K9

From the Wish List link you can go directly to the company's websites and order. Through the link from our site, Kuranda offers a discount for beds donated to Rescue.

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



Newly arrived at the Rescue, KALISTA and her pups KAELEN, KYLER, KITRA, and KORINNA with their donated Kuranda bed.



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

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

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

We have 32 Great Danes, 1 other breed, and 1 mixed-breed dog waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1,410 dogs.



**Splashing in Paw-ddles** by MOZART DANE. 12x 16", 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 support the Rescue.

View Mo's art in Yellow Springs, Ohio throughout the month of August in the Village Artisan gallery as featured artist. He will also be featured at their annual festival.

- ⚙ Gallery: Village Artisans, 8/1–8/31
- ⚙ Festival: 28th Annual Art on the Lawn, 8/13
- ⚙ Gallery Reception: Third Friday Fling, 8/19

Mo's paintings can be viewed and purchased

from the HHGDR site. He even has lay-away and gift certificates! Read Mo's story and get details on his upcoming events at

<http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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