

DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

Dear Santa,

We hope you have had a wonderful and restful vacation this year; here at the Rescue things have been slow. Finding great homes is really tough! We have tried our very best to be good dogs this year, but even our best is sometimes not good enough for some people. We know



XIN is a smart puppy—he is also deaf.

that we may not have been good all year, so we hope you will forgive us for our bad days. We have our paws crossed that you will find it in your heart to give us a few presents again this year. Yes, we know that the economy is still struggling, and election years are tough, but hey we are homeless, and are just dogs that need and want

new toys to play with!

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 the toy, plus toys are cheaper than surgery!

With today's economy we would also ask that

you buy American-made dog toys and maybe we can help put a few people back to work and then more homeless dogs would be adopted! Below are a few links to find American-made dog toys. Of course not all on our list are made in the USA, but we tried!

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 two would be great, but one 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!

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!



Willi Mo is a sweet boy in need of a home!

Have a Happy Holiday!

Hugs & Slobbers

From all the dogs at HHGDR

Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!

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The Rescue will be closed for adoption appointments December 16 to January 4.



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DANES GALORE AWAIT YOU AT HHGDR



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PAYTON



OUR 2012 HOLIDAY WISH LIST

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.

SITES FOR SANTAS

- * <http://www.dog.com>
- * <http://www.kvet.com>
- * <http://www.petedge.com>
- * <http://www.helpingudders.com/BigDogToys.htm> (Helping Udders has toys just for big dogs! Plus if you buy there, **10% goes back to our Rescue.**)

TOYS (please note sizes)

- * Antlers: Elk (large or mammoth)
- * BiteABones (Bowser 8 ½") any flavor, we aren't picky
- * Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- * Bones: Sterilized (large or giant)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- * Kong: Tugga Wubbas (large or XL)
- * Nylabone: Knots (large or giant)
- * Nylabone: Bones (giant or souper)

- * Rope Toys (large or XL)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large)
- * Tough By Nature: JW Bowling Pins (large)
- * Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus or Chicken (large)
- * Zogotlex: Būmi, Hurley, or Huck** (large)

AMERICAN-MADE TOYS**

- * <http://www.toysmadeinamerica.com/dogs.html>
- * <http://www.akersacrespets.com/page/1266692>
- * <http://www.katiesbumpers.com/>
- * <http://www.kongcompany.com/>
- * <http://www.mickeyspetsupplies.com/Made-in-USA-pet-supplies-s/118.htm>
- * <http://www.mountaindogchews.com/product/elk-antler-chews/the-mammoth-whole/>
- * <http://www.purrfectplay.com/>
- * <http://www.westpawdesign.com/articles/-west-paw-story/who-made-it>

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ARE YOUR DOGS PROTECTED?



No, we are not asking about fences, vaccinations, or heartworm. We are asking if your pets are protected if something should happen that would make it impossible for you to keep them and take care of them.

Most people with minor children have appointed a trusted relative or friend to take responsibility for them in case of death or disability, but very few people have thought about what would happen to their pets if disaster should strike.

It is not enough that you make provision in your will for their care. By the time your will is read,

your pets could already have been euthanized or turned over to the local animal shelter.

The **first** thing you should do is ask a trusted relative or friend if she is willing to assume responsibility for your pets. If that person consents, the **second** thing you should do is prepare and sign a written document stating your wishes concerning your pets and give it to your pets' guardian.

If any of your dogs were adopted from HHGDR, *make sure* that the first thing that guardian does is notify the Rescue. Finally, in your will, you should provide for the financial support of your pets to the best of your ability .

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,456 dogs in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 21 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 2011 HHGDR spent more than \$25,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Unlike some large nonprofits, HHGDR has no paid employees.

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/>



USE THE CRATE By Kelly Merino

Recently, I had a friend share a site called dog-shame.com. Very cute. I'm sure you've all seen it. Dogs are forced to wear a sign with their wrong doings. While scrolling through, I thought that so many of these funny listings could be prevented by simply using a crate!

The dog that chewed up shoes while the owners were at work, or the dog that countersurfed to get the jar of cookies off the counter, or even the dog that pooped in the house. It all happens, crate or no crate. But using a crate can help eliminate so many issues.

Yes, crates are expensive! Especially when needing the biggest one made for our Great Danes. They even are named appropriately...the colossal crate. But they are so worth it! And I've known many adopters who have been able to find their crate used or with a coupon.



The Merino family's adopted Danes, BALOO and BOCA in their colossal crates.

I know, I know...so many people think that crates are horrible. I've been at events and have heard, "I'll never use a crate. It's a form of punishment." Well, the first rule in using a crate is to NEVER make it a form of punishment. Like all good training tools, if used correctly, it should have a positive impact on your Dane. In our home, the crate is a safe place for our Danes and they absolutely love their crates.

I'm not a trainer, nor do I pretend to be one, but this is how it's worked for us. We keep our crates on the main floor of the house. The doors are left open and because the Danes have had such positive experiences with their crates, they go in them on their own when they need their quiet time. I still do use the crate when I leave the house. And the Danes even know that when they can't go with me, it's their place to go. It's a positive going in, and it's a positive coming out.

Like all training, it takes some effort when introducing the crate. But if this effort is used in the beginning it makes for an easier life for both you and your Dane.

And if you need any help with using a crate, please schedule a session with our beloved trainer, Chris DeBoard!

Some resources for crate training:

<http://www.dogobediencegroup.com/crate.html>

<http://www.perfectpaws.com/crt.html>

<http://www.thehousebreakingbible.com/training/crate-training.htm>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Mame Corson

Bio: Current city: Columbus; Occupation: job coach with Westerville City Schools; Spouse: Craig; two children, Summer 13, Bentley 11.

Owned by: 2 Great Danes: ACE and CARESSA, all from HHGDR.

Current HHGDR work: Grooming days, transports, and the Mingle with the Mutts at Franklin County Animal Shelter. The whole family has helped with events and activities related to the Rescue.

HHGDR History: Adopted 7 homeless Danes, 6 from HHGDR since 2001. She is currently trying to trick Craig into adopting another senior one this winter!

High point: I have a special place in my heart and home for the older Dane. People ask me all the time how can I bear to adopt a 10-year-old Dane? I cherish the opportunity to give an older Dane a family, a soft bed, and lots of love, when they are at the end of their lives. I like to call myself the social director and health coordinator at the Shady Rest Home for Great Danes. Older Danes give so much back to the families they live with. It doesn't matter if you didn't have them in your life from birth to age 7. They appreciate the love they get from you and reflect it back. When it comes time for them to pass on, what better gift than to hold them with love as they go.





VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!

Volunteers perform **all** tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Some tasks require visiting the Rescue itself, many others do not.

We would love to have you—please email the Rescue at info@hhdane.org for a volunteer application.

Please check the Rescue website for events in your area!

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



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| Mary Beth Gettins | Sandra Seidman | |
| Timothy & Melinda Goings | Betty Smith | |



Clockwise L to R: Volunteer Jonathan Brandt and ALINA aka DANA "Pumpkin" work a HHGDR awareness event at Moochie & Co., Columbus; during a training session at the Rescue led by Chris Deboard, Kelly Marino works with XYLIA while Chris works with PRIYA; Mel Cannon, Marty Valentine, Eline Brandt, and Mame Corson at Acme Canine Howl-O-Ween; ALINA aka DANA makes a young friend at Moochie & Co.





HOW TO HELP

Planned Giving

Planned gifts are a vital pathway to the financial future of HHGDR. 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 be sure your plans conform to all relevant laws.

Our Highest Priority Wish List

- ⚙ Dog Treats
- ⚙ Dog Toys (*Hard Boiled Softies; JW baseball & bowling pin, & Cuz; Wubba*)
- ⚙ Crocheted or knitted afghans & throws, quilts

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

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

RAINBOW BRIDGE— Our Deepest Sympathy

CHARLIE BROWN—Renee Hytry
DILLON—Karalyn & James Frenelle
EMMITT—Jamie Sharp
SHEBA aka SHANIA and PATCHES aka PATSY—Celesta
& Rick Black
Xio and YURI—Dale & Tom Bath



RECENT ADOPTIONS— Congratulations!

OLENA—Talena Clark & Ronald Hall
ULYSSA—Norma & Daniel Kirkpatrick



HHGDR advocates for the **spay** and **neuter** of all pets. There aren't enough homes for them all!



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THANK YOU!

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 site or a check via mail.

View the tree at <http://hhdane.org/tree/tree.htm>.

Don't forget to renew your Ohio dog license!

Thank you for all for donations large and small! We could not save the dogs without you!



A DOG'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT—author unknown

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind.

If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give,

My happy home.

My bowl & cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys.

The lap which I loved so much.

The hand that stroked my fur and the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's heart, of which there seemed to be no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.



TREY had much needed surgery on his leg, thanks to donations from Rescue supporters. Now he needs a family of his own to play and cuddle with.

SANCTUARY DOGS



Sanctuary Dogs are unadoptable and live out their lives in a safe home environment at the Rescue. Sponsorships available at <http://hhdane.org/sanctuary/santuary.htm>.

Happy Hanukkah

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



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

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 21 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,456 dogs.

Happy Holidays
from all the Rescue
dogs!



Paw-tersweet Vine by MOZART. 11 x 14", acrylic on canvas, \$110.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

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

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.

Mo's paintings can be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site. He even has lay-away and gift certificates! Read Mo's story at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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