

DEAR SANTA—A Letter from the Homeless Dogs

I know every year you ask who has been naughty and nice. I am writing for me, my sisters and brothers here at the Rescue.

I think I can speak for all of the dogs here at the Rescue—when I promise we have been really, really, really nice this year. Okay, sometimes we push one another to get in the door first on rainy days. And yes, maybe just once, we didn't come when we were called. Overlooking those 2 small things, I PROMISE we have been really good this year.

We get letters and emails from our brothers and sisters in forever homes. They tell us how great Christmas is and what wonderful toys they get from their new mommies and daddies. But we haven't found our forever homes, yet.

Our Grandma is great. She and the other volunteers do everything they can for us.

However, it is still really hard this time of year.

We made a wish list for you. It would be really wonderful if you could get us a couple of things for Christmas.

Also many of my younger

brothers and sisters are getting adopted, while their mentors and elders watch as they leave. As much as we love seeing them leave, it is so hard.

It would be so appreciated if you could think about the older ones here. Maybe you have just the right home and are looking for some extra love and companionship?

Santa, I know you are busy. If you want help finding or picking out gifts Grandma is always more than happy to help and give you a hand. If you are looking for the perfect place to find gifts we have some suggestions below.

Thank you so much for reading our letter, we wish you all happy holidays from all of us at HHGDR.

P.S. We appreciate every gift sent by Santa, but unfortunately we don't have opposable thumbs so me and my siblings can't open the presents. We and the trees would be more grateful if you kept your wrapping paper for the humans.

Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!



POPPY had Lyme disease when she came to Rescue.



ROSALEE is sight impaired, but that doesn't hold her back.

MOZART DANE—THE ARTIST RETIRES

You may have noticed that MOZART has not been adding any new paintings to his web-site. We like to say that he has retired.

Those of you who have met MOZART and have been to his art shows know that MOZART never went anywhere without his best friend, GRACIE. Sadly GRACIE crossed the Rainbow Bridge in the spring of 2012.

The loss of GRACIE impacted MOZART tremendously, as it has all of us who knew and loved her. He will not go into his special "painting" room since GRACIE is not there to encourage him nor



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The Rescue will be closed for adoption appointments December 21 to January 2.



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2014 HOLIDAY TOY 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.

HHGDR advocates for the spay and neuter of all pets.

There aren't enough homes for them all!



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/>

TOYS

- * Antlers: Elk (large or mammoth)
- * Bones: Natural Beef (XL)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- * Kong: Tugga Wubbas or Wubbas (large or XL)
- * Tough By Nature: Good Cuz/Bad Cuz (large)
- * Tough By Nature: JW Bowling Pins (large)
- * Tough By Nature: Ruffians Octopus, Fish, Frog, or Chicken (large)
- * Hartz Dura Play Football (large)

TOY SOURCES

- * <http://www.toysmadeinamerica.com/dogs.html>
- * <http://www.akersacrespets.com/page/1266692>
- * <http://www.katiesbumpers.com/>
- * <http://www.kongcompany.com/>
- * <http://www.mickeypetsupplies.com/Made-in-USA-pet-supplies-s/118.htm>
- * <http://www.purrfectplay.com/>
- * <http://www.westpawdesign.com/articles/-west-paw-story/who-made-it>
- * http://www.elkantlerdogchews.com/Buy_Elk_Antler_Dog_Chews.php

THE BEST PRESENTS—ARE NOT IN PRETTY BOWS UNDER THE TREE

By Mary Beth Gettins

Life is busy. You go here. You have to go there. You have to do this and you have to do that. Holiday time is all the worse, especially, if you are traveling or having company.

Recently, we had one of those weekends. We had to go out-of-town Friday night and I promised my daughter she could have 8 of her closest friends over for a sleepover on Saturday night.

When Sunday arrived, I looked around. Laundry was piled up. The house was a mess. I still needed to go to the grocery. The dogs were in my face. They were barking at everything. They were fussing. They want to go outside. Then they wanted to come in 2 minutes later.

Okay. Okay I get it. They were out of sorts. Friday night they spent the night with a new sitter. The old dog sitter went away to college. Saturday, there was a bunch of teenagers up all night. Who wouldn't be stressed? I know was done.

I gave up. Fine. I had enough. I sat down in my

recliner and instructed the dogs to either jump up on the recliner with me or take a sit somewhere. We are having some bonding time. Cozying up in a recliner, everyone in the family room at the end of a long day is the dogs' and mine favorite time of the day. It is usually about nine o'clock at night. That Sunday after a long weekend, we broke off in the middle of the day.

As I sat there in the recliner with the dogs, and some nonsensical television show playing in the background, I could feel tranquility come over us. How great to be home with my best friends! We were in our happy place.

What a paradox? I relinquished to the recliner thinking that dogs really need a time out and bonding. In reality, I did too! So when the holidays get you too haggard, don't hesitate to cut-out early one day. Take a walk with your dog. Go sit in the recliner. Tell yourself it's for the dogs. You'll be surprised. It might just be you what needed, too! Sometimes the best gifts are not boxes with the pretty bows under the Christmas tree.

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as an all-volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed more than 1,550 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 17 Danes 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 2013, HHGDR spent more than \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.



MOZART DANE RETIRES

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will he even enter the van that he and GRACIE traveled in. We believe that out of respect for GRACIE he simply refuses to paint, not even for cheese. Those who do not believe dogs have feelings have not witnessed one in mourning.

MOZART began painting in November 2005, as a one-year-old. In 2007—his first show—his paintings were featured at the Mac Worthington Galerie in the Short North District of Columbus. His final show was an art festival in August 2012. MOZART loved seeing his followers at his shows and enjoyed a friendly pat or having his picture taken.



Mo-grating Butterflies by MOZART DANE. 18X24", acrylic on canvas. \$215.



From the Depths of the Mo-cean by MOZART DANE. 16X20", acrylic on canvas. \$160

a loving, caring home at the Rescue. Many of these dogs are not so fortunate and suffer from abuse and neglect. His message was to warn people not to purchase a dog at a pet store or auction and to make others aware of this horrific problem. Tragically, this problem still exists but it is MOZART's hope that during his 7 years of painting, he did make a difference.

We were always excited to see MOZART's newest works of art and the sale of his paintings has been a great



Shades of Paw-tumn by MOZART DANE. 16X20", acrylic on canvas. \$175.

source of much needed funding for us. Sales of his paintings will continue until all have been sold. After that time, there will be no more. Those who have purchased MOZART's paintings can consider themselves owners of collector's items.



We here at the Rescue feel fortunate that we have been able to experience such a phenomenal artist. There are still more than 40 original paintings available; perhaps you can find one that touches your heart with the story of MOZART and GRACIE.

With holidays fast approaching, what better time than this to add a unique MOZART painting to your collection or give one as a gift to someone special. *Once they are gone, there will be no more.*



Paw-tersweet Vine by MOZART DANE. 11X14", acrylic on canvas. \$110.

Please visit MOZART's site at: <http://hhdane.org/mozart/>



<http://pinterest.com/HHGDR/mozart-dane-s-art-hhgd/>



<http://facebook.com/MozartDane>



<http://twitter.com/mozartdane>



<http://flickr.com/hhgd/>



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>

Don't forget to renew your Ohio dog license!

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| Dori Baker | Ed Luksic | Barbara & Brian Spatz |
| Brenda Batyske | Beth Mack | Jerry & Patty Spooner |
| Jen Bavry | Nancy Marconett | Marty Valentine |
| Jonathan & Eline Brandt | Kathy Marsh | Anna Vogt |
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| Ryan Liersemann | Betty Smith | |



Left: Trusty volunteers include Doug Hull and Randy Ware with FALKOR greeting customers at the monthly Petco Westgate (Cleveland area) awareness event.

Right: Judy Yacks with REVA at Wags, Whiskers, and Wine event at Harmony Hill Vineyards in Bethel, Ohio..





MEMORIALS—All Our Sympathy

BAILEY—Carol Thompson

CALLIE—Katie & Eric Clark

DORI—Janet Carleton & Dale Francis

JACIE—Hubert & Maggie Mills

JOSH—Ryan Liersemann

RONA, SARINA and TATUM—Tom & Dale Bath

RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

KARISSA—Carole & Mike Harrell

ONDRIEA—John & Meghan Board

PHILLIP—Mark & Kelly Merino

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>.



PHILLIP



KARISSA



ONDRIEA



DONORS AND SPONSORS—A Huge Thank You!



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| Dori Baker | Great Dane Club of America | Montgomery County Animal Resource Center |
| Bark & Co | Randall Gross | Michele & Graham Myatt |
| Jennifer & Tony Bavry | Julia & Timothy Grubbs | Cindy Orlasky |
| Megan & John Board | Stephen & Kimberly Grubich | Paw Joggers |
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| Don Corsmeier | Jim Keiser | Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock |
| Mame & Craig Corson | Deborah King | Sandra & Gabriel Seidman, in honor of Florence Polen's 95th Birthday |
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| Tim & Melinda Goings | Kelly & Mark Merino | |
| Anne Goodwin | Amy & Steve Miller | |
| Thelma Goris | | |

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





RESCUE WISH LIST

Dog

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

Beds by Kuranda ([use this link or HHGDR site](#))

Dog toys* (Hard Boiled Softies; JW baseball & bowling pin, & Cuz; Wubba)

Dog treats*

Ear cleaner

Medical supplies, including heartworm preventative

Money for vet bills (make the check payable to Mt Orab Veterinary Clinic but mail to HHGDR for proper tax deduction)

Throw rugs & floor mats

CLEANING

Cleaning products (bleach, disinfectant (Lysol or other), dishwasher soap, laundry soap, liquid dish soap, Simple Green)

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Garbage bags (15-20 & 55 gal.)

Mop buckets (commercial with wringers)

Mop heads (commercial type)

Paper towels

OFFICE & BUILDING SUPPLIES

Fans (box & other)

Gravel for grounds

Labels (Avery 5160 1x2 5/8")

Pooper scoopers (scoop & spade style)

Printer cartridges (HP inkjet 932 & 933)

Rugs: throw rugs & floor mats

Stamps

Tape (duct & packing)

SPECIAL

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

Medical supplies (human)

Money for bills (electric, water, gas, etc.)

Money for buying supplies

Soft drinks or bottled water for volunteers

*Highest need

For the most current Wish List, see "How To Help" on the website.

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

Sponsor a Homeless Dog

Would you love to adopt a dog, but just can't right now? Sponsoring a homeless dog is a great way to open your heart to a rescued dog, even if you can't open your home to one. Sponsorships also make great gifts!

Sponsorship is \$10 per month or \$100 per year. HHGDR will choose a dog for you and send you a certificate and your choice of a letter and picture from your dog, or a greeting card suitable for your type of sponsorship.

Just fill out the sponsorship form and send it along with your sponsorship donation or donate online at <http://hhdane.org/howtohelp/sponsor/sponsorinfo.htm>

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

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's emergency hot line (fee-based) is available 24/7 at 1-888-426-4435. More at <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control>

The Pet Poison Helpline (fee-based) is available 24/7 at 1-855-764-7661. More at <http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/>.

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THANK YOU Kuranda!

Kuranda awarded 4 much needed beds to the Rescue. In a Facebook contest, our fans shared Kuranda's cute video more than 500 times. So thank you Kuranda, and thank **you**, who shared on Facebook!

The Rescue is in need of additional Kuranda beds to give all our homeless dogs comfortable and durable beds. With Kuranda's "Donate a Bed" program, Kuranda gives the donor a 10% discount on the purchase price and also donates a portion of the purchase to the shelter! Two great reasons to purchase through this special link, <http://kuranda.com/dog-beds?partner=6592> or through the HHGDR site.



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

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Haven**



**Great Dane
Rescue**

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

LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 17 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,515 dogs.

Happy Holidays from all the Rescue dogs!



OUR ADOPTABLE DANES

