



# HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE

# NEWSLETTER

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your next best friend may be  
waiting there for you!

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## MARCI'S STORY

**W**hat if, on one of those cold winter nights after I was abandoned along a rural road in Richland County, you overheard my conversation with God? I knew my circle of life was ending.

*God, I know you made me and everything here, but why am I not treated like one of your special creatures? Why is life so hard? I tried my best—I gave them lots of puppies. But my body aches, my belly is empty, and I am so cold.*

I guess the wonderful Richland County (Ohio) Dog Warden heard my plea, because he stopped as soon as he saw me. He was surprised when I quickly jumped in his truck! Most dogs are afraid to go to a county animal shelter but I was thrilled. The shelter employees were so kind and gentle, something that my body ached for. They immediately gave me food, water, and a blanket to rest my weary old body. As you can see in my picture I was emaciated—I weighted a mere 70 pounds, with sores all over my body, mammary tumors, and my nails were so long it was hard to walk.

People used me for a “breeding dog” and I have had so many litters of puppies that I lost track years ago. My only hope is that my

pups have found better homes than I did. I have had so many homes, and although in some of them I was cared for (but why did they give me up?), I am trying to block out most of my earlier years because, just like my mom, I was bred over, and over, and over.



MARCI on February 23 at the Richland County Animal Shelter

My mom was a Hunte Corporation kennel dog where her life was spent caged and producing puppies to line people’s pockets.

By the time I was a mere 8 weeks old, I had already traveled across the U.S., from the Hunte Corporation breeding kennels to a Petland store in Mansfield, Ohio. When the

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501(c)(3) all-volunteer-  
run organization.  
Donations are tax-  
deductible!**

## HHGDR FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING PAGE

Please join us on the Rescue’s fundraising page on Facebook. This special HHGDR page is dedicated to featuring fun and worthwhile auctions. All proceeds go directly to the Rescue dogs, so please share with your friends and family!

Upcoming items include a collar, leash, dog clothing, dog toys, purse, and Longaberger basket. Items offered vary by the week from utilitarian, to collectable, to just fun, but there are always a range of **great** deals available. The next auction is scheduled to run during the second week of March.



<https://www.facebook.com/HHGDR.fundraising/>



**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!

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**PIGGEST RAFFLE EVER! 2016**

Adopt a "pig" in the PIGGEST Raffle Ever for 3 chances to win on Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon weekend!

Pigs are \$5 and the entire \$5 goes to the charity of your choice. If your adopted pig is selected when thousands of pigs are dropped in downtown Cincinnati on April 29, you could win big!

**1st place is \$10,000 cash** (half to the winning ticket holder; half to the charity who sold the ticket); 2nd place, a 2-year lease on a Toyota Prius; and 3rd place, a Cincinnati Get-Away Experience (valued at more than \$1,500).

New this year are volume discounts of 6 for the price of 5 and 12 for the

price of 10. Every purchase helps a charity—please choose HHGDR from the dropdown menu and we get the \$5.

Please go to <http://www.piggestraffle.com/>, and be sure to pick HHGDR. Need not be present to win.

**THE CINCINNATI FLYING PIG MARATHON**



**MARCI continued**

family picked me from behind that Petland glass window, I thought that my life would be different from my mom's. What I didn't realize was that my life of horror had just begun and it was to be no better than my mom's!

I want to thank the wonderful people at the Richland Co. Animal Shelter, especially the dog warden that saved my life! And I want to thank the wonderful young woman who drove so many hours to pick me up, shower me with kisses and so many soft words of encouragement while bringing me to HHGDR. The dog warden is still searching for my owner so they can pay for what they did to me. If you know who my owner was will you please contact the Richland County Animal Shelter at 419-774-5892?

Now I am at HHGDR where they are working on my health issues with plenty of tender loving care. So far, I've seen the vets and had lots of tests and x-rays and found out that I will need \$4,000 worth of surgery

and chemo to treat my tumors (after I gain enough weight). The good news is that I do not have heartworm or Lyme disease, and I am gaining weight!

*The Rescue is fundraising for my cancer treatment. Please consider giving me a chance for a new life by donating.*

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



MARCI on March 6 after gaining 32 pounds at HHGDR!

**ABOUT THE RESCUE**

HHGDR has operated as a volunteer-run Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed more than 1,530 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 15 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 2014, HHGDR spent more than \$17,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible. Contact the Rescue at [info@hhdane.org](mailto:info@hhdane.org).



## SOME DOGS HAVE ALL THE LUCK

Did you ever notice how some people have all the luck? No matter what they do in life they always come out on top. The same phenomenon pertains to dogs too. But, of course, for all the dogs that hit life's jackpot, there are ten times more—those of us that seem to have no luck!



See TOBY's story at <http://hhdane.org/danes/toby.htm>.

Many years ago I found myself at the Rescue. I was quite happy here, but like all of the other dogs, I wanted a family I could call my own. One day that family showed up! Along with a mom and dad my family also included other dogs, and that was great because we all loved each other and all of us were happy. Then one day mom and dad decided to add 2-legged children to the family. After the second child our parents lost our house, and soon after we were all homeless. My brother and I came back to the Rescue and we sadly watched our mom and dad drive away.

The following Christmas my wish was again granted and I finally had a mom and sister of my own. My sister had been adopted from HHGDR and my new home seemed stable. I dropped my guard and started to trust and love again. A short time later our mom took in a 2 legged-child and weeks later a baby arrived, along with a dad.

My sister and I started to feel like we were no longer part of the family. We were either locked in our crates or left outside by ourselves. We tried running away in hopes mom would realize how important we were, and it worked for a short time. But 6 months later she decided we were too dirty to be around children, and we had to go.

Lucky for us Grandma at the Rescue still loves us and wants us back! It is also lucky for all of the dogs at HHGDR that Grandma and all the volunteers care more about us than many of the humans out there! We are still trying to figure out humans and commitment. We are also trying to figure out why some dogs have all the luck.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—The Merino Family

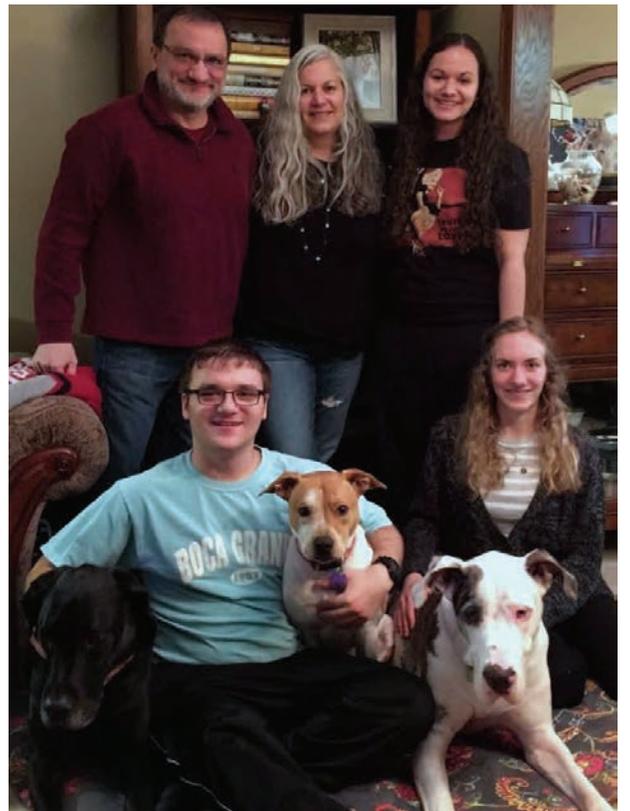
**Bio:** Mark and Kelly, married 24 years this May, reside in Dublin, Ohio. Naomi (19) attends The Ohio State University and Bella and Jackson (16) are juniors at Dublin Coffman High School.

**Currently Owned by:** BOCA (4) and PHILLY (3) both adopted from HHGDR; GRYFFIN (2) adopted from Franklin County Animal Shelter; and SASSY the cat (9) and JAMES the bunny (9), both adopted from Capital Area Humane Society.

**Current HHGDR work:** Grooming Days, cleaning days, adoption appointments, home visits, transports, and awareness and fund-raising events.

**HHGDR history:** Became involved after adopting our first Dane, Baloo, in 2011. Started assisting at the Franklin County Mingle with the Mutts, and then went to our first Grooming Day at the Rescue. We were hooked after that!

**High point:** While attending an event at an elementary school in Troy, Ohio, our first Dane, BALOO, was playing with a littermate who was also there. Watching the special bond and behavior between BALOO and his sister was beyond remarkable. This experience was amazing and led to us adopting BOCA. She waited a long time for us, but it was BALOO who encouraged us to open our home to more than one Dane!





## VOLUNTEERS—We Couldn't Do it Without You!

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

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



*Volunteers work awareness events with their adopted Danes: Doug Hull and MOLLY (L) And Randy Ware and FALKOR (R) visit at Petco–Westlake (Cleveland); Beth Sedlock and BRUTUS are hard at work winning friends at Moochie & Co–Easton (Columbus).*

- Dori Baker
- Wendi, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau
- John & Meghan Board
- Jason Brown
- Janet Carleton
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- Dale Francis
- William Gentry
- Mary Beth Gettins
- Melinda & Tim Goings
- Autumn Goldsmith
- Thelma Goris
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- Doug & Mary Hull
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- Ed Luksic
- Beth Mack
- Nancy Marconett
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- Attorney: Mary Beth Gettins
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- Veterinarian: Mark Hayes
- Veterinarian: Frank Norvell
- Veterinarian: Lee Schrader
- Veterinarian: Steve Schrader



## REGULAR AWARENESS EVENTS

### Mingle with Our Mutts

- Dayton (Montgomery County Animal Resource Center).

### Moochie & Co

- Cincinnati (Kenwood Towne Centre)
- Columbus (Easton Town Center & Polaris Mall)

### Petco

- Cincinnati (North Bend Rd)
- Cleveland-area, Fairview Park (Westgate Mall)

### Petsmart

- Cincinnati (Western Hills)
- Columbus (Easton)

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR...

- Staffing awareness events
- Cleaning the Rescue facility
- Creating PR materials in all formats
- Fundraising
- Grant writing
- Grooming and handling the dogs
- Performing upkeep on Rescue facility
- Writing for the newsletter
- Assisting with social media
- And more!

Please check our Events page for details at <http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>.

## OUR ADOPTABLE PUPS!



JOSSLYN



IAN



PRIYA



MARINA



TOBY



HALLEE



FIA



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 Jonathan Williams  
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## MEMORIALS—Our Sincerest Sympathies

BENSON—Dori & Brad Baker  
 BERKLEY—Ed Luksic  
 DAISY—Alice, John and Chloe Rummell  
 FRED—Michele and Graham Myatt  
 GRANNY, LESTER, LYNN—Dale &  
 Tom Bath  
 HEDY—Mame & Craig Corson  
 HEIDI—Dick & Karen Gulley  
 KIARA—Bethany & Richard Lee  
 PENNY—Chad Clarridge  
 SAMSON—Kate Pearson  
 SNEAK aka DOGGIE—Bob &  
 Sonya Derge  
 TED—Mary Beth Gettins &  
 Sydney Sauerbrunn

## RECENT ADOPTION: ULYSSES—Wendi & Andy Beauseau



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

## WAYS TO HELP

### 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>

### Our Highest Priority Wish List

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

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

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



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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 14 Great Danes and one Dane mix awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,533 dogs.

## ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art



Mo-adow of Wildflowers by MOZART. 22" x 28" acrylic on canvas, \$275.

**MOZART** has retired from painting and exhibiting at festivals but there are a few beautiful art works still available for purchase.

Mo painted 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.

Paintings can be viewed and purchased from the Rescue website. Lay-away and gift certificates are also available.

Read Mo's story at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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