



HHGDR Newsletter

Dear Santa from the Homeless Dogs at Rescue

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- 13 Great Danes/ 2 horses in need of forever homes
- 6 Sanctuary Dogs
- HHGDR has adopted out 1578 dogs/horses
- FAQ at hhdane.org/faq/faqmain.htm

-  facebook.com/HHGDR
-  facebook.com/HHGDR.fundraising
-  facebook.com/MozartDane
-  [@mozartdane](https://twitter.com/mozartdane)
-  pinterest.com/HHGDR/

Dear Santa,

We are writing to you again this year in hopes that your elves were able to make lots of toys and Mrs. Claus baked lots of treats so there will be lots left over for homeless dogs like us. Grandma and the volunteers are always telling us what good dogs we are, and we are grateful for your generosity every Christmas!

The toys you brought us last Christmas are well loved and well worn. And what dog wouldn't want an extra treat or 2 during the day? Treats are also good for training and help us pay attention. We know you have a generous heart, Santa, so our paws are crossed, and we are hoping that we will find some of the entries on our wish lists Christmas morning.

Santa, you know that our first

wish is always to find forever homes, especially for the senior dogs among us who are often overlooked. But in addition to being very good dogs, we are also smart and know that all of us will not find a forever home this year.

So, being realistic as well as very good dogs, we would like toys that can last us a few weeks and not cause Grandma to worry about us eating them and causing a blockage. As you know, Santa, from bringing us size appropriate toys in the past, we are very big and strong chewers. And toys are cheaper than surgery!

You also know, Santa, we are orphans, and we will be thankful for anything you bring us. As Grandma tells us, it is not polite to beg or be greedy. We have

heard volunteers talking about sending money or gift cards to their grandchildren because they are not sure what to buy them and we have learned to shop on the internet, so if it's easier ...we love to shop on the internet!!

Thank you very much, Santa, for reading our letter again this year. We sure hope you can bring us each a toy for Christmas. Of course, two would be great, but one each for all the adoptable and sanctuary dogs at HHGDR would be fantastic and give us all joy this holiday season. And we promise to have Grandma and the volunteers scoop our play yard, so you won't get your shoes dirty when you step out of your sleigh.

Have a Happy Holiday!

PS Santa, please don't bother wrapping our gifts, that is more work for your elves and Grandma. After all, we care about our planet and the global warming we keep hearing about.

Hugs, Slobbers, and love from all the  VERY GOOD dogs at HHGDR

Please see page 2 for our toy wish list!





2018 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.

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 website and by request.

Toys

- * Antlers: Elk (see link)
- * JW Pet: iSqueak Funble Footballs (large)
- * Hartz: Dura Play Football (large)
- * Kong: Tugga Wubbas/ Rope Tugga Wubbas/ Wubbas (large/XL)
- * Kyjen Plush Puppies Hard Boiled Softies (large)
- * 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)

Made in the USA Toy Sources

- * <http://smile.amazon.com/>
- * <http://www.toysmadeinamerica.com/dogs.html>
- * <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>

Because You Asked...

Why must my yard be fenced? I train my dogs to stay by my side. Why can't I have an electric fence?

Most of our dogs come to us as "strays" from animal shelters. Those dogs' families, I am sure, also thought their dog would never leave their yard. It is for the safety of our dogs. It takes just one moment of distraction for them to be off. Many dogs show up every day in animal shelters wearing invisible fence collars, proving that this is not always a safe type of fence. Invisible fences do not work when the electricity is out, also the fence can malfunction and the owner may not be aware the fence is broken. Once a dog has learned it can go through the fence they will not stop. It has also shown to cause a high rate of dog aggression due to dogs being teased to watch the dog get shocked. The electronic fence offers no protection from theft, an attacking dog, or coyotes. And as a side note, even a regular fence should be checked regularly for failure.

Why are you so strict about heartworm prevention?

Prevention of heartworm infestation is easily accomplished. Monthly medication is available

which kills the larval stage of the worm injected by the mosquito. Side effects of the preventative are extremely rare, and most veterinarians recommend that dogs remain on the preventative year-round, with blood checked yearly for evidence of infection. It is quite common for indoor dogs to become infected with heartworm and it is also not unusual to see a mosquito during winter if we have a warm spell, so it is extremely important for all dogs to be on the preventative.

Treatment of heartworm disease requires the use of drugs which can have serious side effects, takes time, and, as the worms are dying, they can fragment into smaller segments and severely damage the lungs or even cause death. Obviously, the best treatment for heartworm disease is prevention.

Why are you only open by appointment one day a week?

We are a 100% volunteer rescue. We can get enough volunteers for 1 weekend day every week—it takes a lot of people power to get the facilities and dogs ready, and conduct the adoption appointments.

See more answers in our FAQ at hhdane.org/faq/faqmain.htm

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 1,578 dogs and horses in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Ken-

tucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 13 dogs/horses 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 2017, HHGDR spent more than \$20,700 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.



Recent Adoptions!

JADEN—Caitlin McPherson & Michael Williams
LOUIS—Steve & Erin Smith

LYNN—Margo Ehrenfield-Hilbig
OWEN—Peter & Barbara D'Onofrio
PAUL—Holly Witte & Larry Thall

PRESLEY—Tracee & Dave Kielmeyer
RAVEN—Tuja Stuard



Volunteers—It wouldn't happen without you!

Awareness Events

Mingle with Our Mutts

- Dayton (Montgomery Co. Animal Resource Center)

Moochie & Co

- Columbus (Polaris Mall)

Petco

- Cleveland, Fairview Park (Westgate Mall)

Petsmart

- Cincinnati (Western Hills)
- Columbus (Easton)

Pet Valu

- Westerville

Volunteer Roll—THANK YOU

- Attorney
 - Mary Beth Gettins
- Veterinarians
 - David Fox
 - Mark Hayes
 - Dan Meakin
 - Frank Norvell
- Dori Baker
- Wendi, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau

- John & Meghan Board
- Jason Brown
- Janet Carleton
- Don Corsmeier
- Mame, Craig, Summer & Bentley Corson
- Monika Dail
- Ken & Kelly Eiker
- Dale Francis
- William Gentry
- Mary Beth Gettins
- Melinda & Tim Goings
- Autumn Goldsmith
- Bethany Gongwer
- Thelma Goris
- Steve & Kim Grubich
- Doug & Mary Hull
- Alison & Zeb Logan
- Ed Luksic
- Beth Mack
- Marlene Majireck
- Nancy Marconett
- Kathy Marsh
- Brad Mathews
- Thomas Mattingly
- Moira McCarthy
- Christe McGarry
- Heather McManes
- Kelly, Mark, Jackson, Naomi & Bella Merino
- Amy & Steve Miller
- Amanda Owen
- Daina Rice
- David Scott
- Mike & Beth Sedlock
- Sandra Seidman
- Erin, Stephen, Noah & Cole Smith
- Barbara & Brian Spatz
- Randy & Becky Ware
- Marsha Wheeler
- Mike Winters
- Judy & Tom Yacks

Check the Rescue site for awareness event dates in your area.
<http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



Sanctuary Dogs “Help” Decorate

Brothers DARIN (left) and DARYL (right) are clearly exhausted from their efforts “helping” to decorate the Rescue for the holidays! See their story at <http://www.hhdane.org/sanctuary/daryl.htm>



Send an email to info@hhdane.org for a volunteer application today!

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

Mozart's Mission @ HHGDR

To our newer adopters who may not have been introduced, meet MOZART DANE (2004–2016)! Mozart came to HHGDR a product of an Amish puppy mill, by way of the Buckeye Dog Auction.

When Mo arrived at HHGDR he knew nothing of being an indoor house pet. He had lived outside and was terrified of being inside. When touched, he cringed in fear, and had to be carried everywhere. He learned to walk on a leash and that a touch from a kind human was not a bad thing. He was content to lay in the corner and watch life going on around him, but it was hoped that he would become a normal puppy.

Mozart learned to love the touch and kisses from Grandma and the volunteers at HHGDR but he never became comfortable with being shown to adopters or even walking on all surfaces. His early life in a puppy mill cage had done neurological damage to his paws. And so, he became a sanctuary dog.

At the same time, the Rescue was beginning to train dogs to paint tail art and ornaments as a fundraiser. Mozart took to it and enjoyed painting with his paws for cheese treats. He started simply, with paw prints on t-shirts, ornaments, and magnets, but once introduced to paw print tiles he blossomed.

Mozart became the Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue Spokesdog, an advocate for homeless dogs and against abuse, puppy mills, and pet stores that sell puppies from mills and backyard breeders.

Mozart has now gone to the Rainbow Bridge, but he left behind more than 400 paw painted acrylic paintings. Only

31 paintings remain for sale, and you can see them at hhdane.org/mozart. They are a beautiful addition to your home and gift certificates and layaway are available for gifting.

Painting was therapeutic in helping Mo overcome the pain of his early days in a puppy mill and his legacy helps bring awareness to the issues of animal abuse and puppy mills.

You can follow Mozart on Facebook at Mozart's Mission at HHGDR at facebook.com/MozartDane.



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

**Don't forget to renew
your Ohio dog
license!**



Donors and Sponsors—Thank You!



Lauren Artime	Bethany Gongwer	Amy Miller
Dori Baker	Annette Goodwin-Till	Mt. Healthy Animal Hospital
Jennifer & Tony Bavry	Thelma Goris	Kathy Mullins
Wendi & Andy Beauseau	Randall Gross	Wendy Nordberg, for PRESLEY
John Board	Stephen & Kimberly Grubich	Northern Kentucky Veteri- nary Association, PSC, in memory of Roger Jennings
Chelsea Bumb	Hidden Valley Animal Clinic, PC	Rylee-Ann Romero
Janet Carleton	Holly Homan-Witte, in loving memory of RUBY RED WITTE	Sam's Club Eastgate
Joseph & Kimberly Coffey	Hailey Householder	Sidney Sauerbrunn
Donald Corsmeier	Householder Family	Alison Schmidbauer
Mame & Craig Corson	Lisa Huelskamp	Starla Scott, for LORIE and LORNE
Corvair Club of Cincinnati, in memory of Roger Jennings	Doug & Mary Hull	Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock
Donna & Michael Custer, in memory of Karalyn Fre- nelle	Humble Book Bundle	Sandra & Gabriel Seidman
Monika Dail	Diane Hunt	Scott & Karen Smallwood
Ken & Kelly Eiker	Jean Jennings, in memory of Roger Jennings	Brian & Barbara Spatz
Donna & Wayne Fanta	Myreda Johnson	Melissa Stamper
Janet Fitzpatrick	Fredrick Jones	Judy & Walter Stein
Dale Francis	JRG Agency	Alisa Tanner
James Frenelle, in loving memory of his beloved wife	Kevin Lackey	Gabriel & Sonja Venzin, in memory of TIMMY
Patricia Frenelle, in memory of Karalyn Frenelle	Alyssa Lane	Walmart Evandale
Jackie Gehbauer	Dawn Lininger, in memory of James Dail	Kathy & Jim Walmsley
Mary Beth Gettins	Ed Luksic	Rebecca & Randy Ware
Gettins Law, in honor of Thelma Goris	Carol Ann Lutz, in memory of James Dail	Marsha Wheeler
Anne Gillespie	Beth Mack	Jo & Ken Williams, in memory of Larry Steele
Justin Goff	Nancy Marconett	Susie Wolding
Tim & Melinda Goings	Christe McGarry, in memory of COLTON	Judy & Tom Yacks
Autumn Goldsmith	Heather McManes	Kristopher Zwergel
	Kelly & Mark Merino	

Memorials—Our Deepest Sympathy

BOGART—Marty Valentine & Melissa Cannon
COLTON—Christe McGarry & Jim Keiser
DENVER AND JEEP—Don Corsmeier
EMMA—Steve Moenter & Brenda Batyske
JASPER—Tom & Dale Bath
KIKI and VINCE aka ANUBIS—Wendi & Andy
Beauseau
MAGGIE—Sandra and Steve Nichol

MAKAYLA—Sean Harshman & Meghan Brewster
MYLEE aka MARLIE—Ken & Jo Williams
RICKY—Jeff & Jill Shawley
SALLY—Erika & Sylvania Marsillac
TILLY—Doug & Mary Hull
ZACK—Michelle Jessop
ZEFF—John & Meghan Board



Donations of Time and Money are Put to Good Use



Have you ever wondered how your donations to an organization are spent? We can't speak for other rescues, but at Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue, 100% of all donations are dedicated to our dogs. There is no paid staff.

Some of the many activities our volunteers freely support us with are creating and participating in fundraisers, keeping our social media current, grants, cleaning, maintenance, grooming, laundry, and the list goes on. We save on dog food and treats by belonging to a cooperative and we are lucky to receive consumable items from local businesses.

How did we use your cash donations this year? Our veterinarian bills were one way. Since the first of the year we have spent more than \$18,677 on acute medical care, routine care, and spay/neuter! The adoption fees for the 17 Great Danes adopted totaled \$4,250, which fell far short of our vet costs. Additionally, there's the usual obligations of energy, water, phone, insurance, postage, and trash.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to repair gates and replace fencing that was failing as a result of the abuse from weather of the last few years, and then took a major hit during a storm (see p. 4).

Our auto mechanic declared dead our 2000 minivan terminal with a speedometer reading of approximately 200,000 miles. Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to update our van to a newer model, assuring a safe, reliable vehicle to transport our dogs. Thanks to a volunteer, roof repair on our auxiliary buildings cost us only materials.

Of course, these weren't all our expenditures, but you get the picture. We couldn't do it without you, and we are forever grateful. Thank you for believing in us!

#GivingTuesday—Tuesday 11/27

On Tuesday, November 27th, HHGDR is joining an international day of generosity called #GivingTuesday. It's a globally recognized day when you can make a huge impact for **our Danes**.

With your help this #GivingTuesday, we'll raise funds to help cover the cost of our veterinarian bills which in 2018 total \$18,677! The adoption fees for the 17 Great Danes adopted this year only totals \$4,250 which barely covers the cost of food and building costs.

Our goal this #GivingTuesday is to raise \$5,000 to help offset the cost of our vet bill! Plus if you **donate early**, your donation will be **matched** and we could raise double that amount. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. If you make a contribution online that day, Facebook and PayPal will match donations starting at 8am EST, until the \$7M match runs out!

Make a contribution to our campaign on #GivingTuesday at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/534242063668465/10156039288003723/>

With your help, we can make this year's #GivingTuesday the most impactful yet!

Thank you for your support, Dale & the Danes

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, or even a family group.

Email photos to info@hhdane.org or mail them (we will scan for you—if you want the photo 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>.



Our Wish List

Dogs

Bedding: fitted sheets (all sizes); Crocheted or knitted afghans and throws

Beds by Kuranda ([use this link](#))

Dog toys/chews* (See Letter to Santa)

Dog treats*

Ear cleaner

Money for dog food, vet bills, supplies, utilities

CLEANING

Cleaning products (bleach, disinfectant (Lysol

or other), dish soap (hand and dish-washer), laundry soap, Simple Green)

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Garbage bags (15-20 & 55 gal.)

Mops: buckets (commercial with wringers); Mop heads (commercial type)

Paper towels

OFFICE & BUILDING SUPPLIES

Fans (20")

Gravel for grounds

Pooper scoopers (large scoop 9.5x10x38" & spade style)

Rugs: throw rugs & floor mats

Stamps

Tape (duct & packing)

SPECIAL

Gift certificates to stores (pet, grocery, dept)

Medical supplies for humans

Soft drinks or bottled water for volunteers

For most current Wish List, see website.

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**Happy Holidays
from our
adoptable dogs!**
