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

FEATURED DOGS @ HHGDR

FELIX: I was found roaming the busy streets of Columbus, Ohio, playing dodge 'em with the cars and trucks. I am so fortunate that I ended up at Harlequin Haven where I am safe and loved!

I am a very loving dog—and sometimes a bit too zealous about showing my love. Grandma says that I play too rough to be in a home with small children as I am a very high energy Dane puppy! I’d love a family to play with me and take me to obedience class and help me learn to be the perfect Dane! http://hhdane.org/danes/felix.htm.

ULYSSES: I was dumped on a rural country road in Rowan County, Kentucky, along with my sister Ulyssa (she’s adopted). Thank you to the kind people along the way, and to Harlequin Haven for taking me in!

I am a very sweet and loving boy and would love a forever family that would treat me like a Dane is supposed to be treated—with love and kindness.

I have a lot of energy for a so-called older boy, and would love a family that would play and romp with me! Are you that family? http://hhdane.org/danes/ulysses.htm.

PAW JOGGERS RESCUE RUN

The Paw Joggers Rescue Run will be held on Sunday October 20, at 9 AM in Sharon Woods Park, northeast of Cincinnati.

Your dog can also participate! Events include 5K Run/Walk or 2K Walk, or even a Virtual Run. All participants get shirts, even the 4-legged ones. Your entry fee will be donated to the beneficiary of your choice (please designate HHGDR!).

Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION


CHOICES... Deciding Where to Get Your Next Dog.

There are many choices in today’s world of where to get your next dog. You can go to a breeder, and add to the homeless population. You can look on Craigslist and worry that the person getting rid of the dog is lying about why they are getting rid of their dog. You can go to a county animal shelter or humane society and adopt, which does save a life, but rarely do they know much about the dog.

Or you can adopt from a rescue where the dogs are typically temperament tested, vetted, personalities are known, and by doing so help save another dog’s life. Rescues are no-kill, plus with each dog adopted they are able to bring in another dog and save its life.

A reputable rescue works to make the right match so that the dog will have the forever home they dream of, and will support an adopter for the life of their dog. There is no shortage of available dogs, no matter what the breed, but we in the rescue world ask people to think hard before making their decision.

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 1,470 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 13 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 2012, HHGDR spent more than $20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.
**NO-KILL: ARE THEY REALLY?**

What is a no-kill shelter? Who is really a no-kill shelter? In today’s rescue/shelter society everyone wants to be called a no-kill and for good reason. The county animal shelters and humane societies want to be called no-kill so more people donate to them and they’ll qualify for more grants. Are they really no-kill? Well I guess, the best answer is “sorta.”

The public wants to see every animal saved no matter what the issue. If the dog has cancer or other major health problem or has a bite history the shelters may send them to rescues who then are burdened with sick, aggressive, unadoptable dogs. In 2012 Ohio laws changed, labeling as aggressive a dog that has a single bite history. Yet most Ohio shelters continue to send these dogs to rescues, but they are really not adoptable. After all, are you going to adopt a dog that has bitten someone? Can you afford aggressive dog insurance?

Most shelters send dogs to rescue that have major health issues—where the chance of the dog making a recovery is nil. The same shelters then claim to be no-kill and the public jumps on their band wagon donating and supporting them. While the rescues struggle to make ends meet.

County animal shelters receive funding through the dog and kennel fund as well as do many of the humane societies. Some humane societies are even given operating expenses through the county. And the public often donates money and food. Rescues don’t have the same support systems, yet spend thousands of dollars every year to care for these less adoptable dogs, struggling to feed and medically care for them.

So I guess the truth is yes, most claiming to be no-kill are that. But how many get that name because they have dumped on the less fortunate rescues? Yes, those same rescues that struggle every day to save just one more dog? How many rescues are overloaded with the old and too sick to be adopted while the county animal shelters and humane societies keep the healthiest and sweetest dogs to adopt out? So their adoption numbers soar while rescues decline?

In recent months we have received from shelters these dogs—FRED, HEDY, and IVAN. All are dogs which the shelters knew had health and age issues—all working against them being adoptable. Yet we did not turn our back on these loving dogs. We as a rescue have worked diligently to bring these dogs back to health, and hopefully one day will be able to find them a loving forever home for them to live out their final years.

Can you help us to continue to feed and provide medical care for these 3 loving dogs and the others in our care?

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**HHGDR ADOPTION SUCCESS STORY!**

Christine Cosgrove on Facebook:

Best decision adopting our girl MOLLY (LANI when she was with you) over 3 years ago. She’s a wonderful (and spoiled) family member, and has recently become a big sister!

http://hhdane.org/success/laniakamolly.htm

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**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Ed Luksic**

Bio: Originally from Pennsylvania; in Cincinnati, Ohio, for 11 years. Field Representative for MRO doing release of medical records for UC Physicians.

Owned by: 1 dog: BERKLEY, my fourth Dane.

Current HHGDR work: Primarily offsite tasks: awareness days at Petsmart and other events throughout the city.

HHGDR history: Adopted CASEY in 2003, then BERKLEY in 2009. First began volunteering by coming to Grooming Day, followed by doing awareness days and other local events.

High points: Using BERK as a Dane ambassador all over the city and spreading the word of the good work done by HHGDR. So many people stop us and ask about this wonderful breed. Had my story about CASEY and BERKLEY printed in Happy Tails paperback book series.
VOLUNTEERS—We Couldn’t Do it Without You!

Kathy Amrein
Dori Baker
Brenda Batskys
Jen Bavry
Meghan & John Board
Jonathan & Eline Brandt
Alisa Brooks
Karen Callinan
Melissa Cannon
Janet Carleton
Jan Cazin
Don Corsmeier
Mame, Craig, Summer & Bentley Corson
Monika Dail
Jane Dickinson
Ken & Kelly Elker
Ed Firth
Dale Francis
William Gentry
Mary Beth Gettins
Melinda Goings
Timothy Goings
Mary Jo Hudson
Doug & Mary Hull
Jim Keiser
Ryan Liercemann
Colleen Lohn
Ed Luksic
Beth Mack
Nancy Marconett
Thomas Mattingly
Moira McCarthy
Christe McGarry
Kelly, Mark, Jackson, Naomi & Bella Merino
Amy & Steve Miller
Donna Mills
Jackie Morris
Michele Myatt
Amanda Owen
Jenni Reinhart
Nancy Schmidt
David Scott
Mike & Beth Sedlock
Sandra Seidman
Lauren & Amy Seither
Betty Smith
Barbara & Brian Spatz
Erin Stiﬄer
Marty Valentine
Lynn Wallich
Randy Ware
Randy & Becky Ware
Marsha Wheeler
Jo Williams
Judy & Tom Yacks
Sue Young-Sparks
Attorney
Mary Beth Gettins
Veterinarians
Mark Burroughs
Mark Hayes
Frank Norvell
Lee Schrader
Steve Schrader

Volunteers perform all the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Some jobs require visiting the Rescue itself, many others do not. Grooming Days at the Rescue are held monthly. Awareness events held around the state.

Find Regular Awareness Events at These Ohio Locations:

Mingle with Our Mutts: Franklin County Animal Shelter (Columbus); Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (Dayton).

Moochie & Co: Easton Town Center and Polaris Mall, Columbus; Tuttle Mall, Dublin.

Petco: Northbend Rd, Cincinnati; Westgate Mall, Fairview Park, Cleveland-area.

PetPeople: Powell.

PetSmart: Easton, Columbus; Colerain Towne Center & Western Hills, Cincinnati.

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

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

Hedy smiles at the camera. She’s enjoying the extra attention that Grooming Day brings! John Board and Judy Yacks work on her.
RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

BRIANNA and VICTOR—Beth Mack
HUGH—Erin & Carlos Stiffler
RANDI—Pam & Don Wolf
ZURI—Michelle Botts

RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Sympathy

BROOKE—Anne Gillespie
DIESEL—David Wiggins
DIRK—Amy & Steve Miller
Frank Homan—Holly Homan Witte
GUNNER—Daina Rice
JESSICA aka MAGGIE—Barry & Diane Tucker
LUX LYMBER—Anne Goodwin
MADDIGAN—Doug & Mary Hull
MIMI—Ken & Jo Williams
TROY and LENNON—Dale & Tom Bath
WOODY—Nancy Marconett

See “How to Help” on the HHGDR site to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.
DONORS & SPONSORS—Thank You!

Alex Amplemann  
Dori Baker  
Jennifer & Tony Bavry  
Nancy Blignaut  
Megan & John Board  
Carole Bon, in memory of Lilly  
Michelle Botts  
Eline & Jonathan Brandt  
Carhop's Burger Sauce LLC  
Janet Carleton  
Ray Chesnick, in memory of CHARLES and CHASE  
Darla, Stacey & Riley Chinn  
Joseph & Kimberly Coffey  
Annette Condon  
Julie & Joseph Corbin  
Don Corsmeier  
Mame & Craig Corson  
Jane Dickinson  
Debbie Eades, in memory of OPAL and PEARL  
Donna & Wayne Fanta  
Ed Firth  
Robin Flaherty, in memory of DIESEL  
William Galloway  
Mary Beth Gettins  
Gina Giallombardo  
Robert & Pat Goebel  
Justin Goff  
Tim & Melinda Goings  
Scott & Andrea Heile  
Kelly & Boris Hoffman, in memory of CHASE  
Chris Holzer, for ZURI  
Hubbard Valley Alpacas  
Doug & Mary Hull, in memory of MADIGAN  
Myreda Johnson, for IVAN  
Pam & Terry Kassner  
Jennifer Keim  
Deborah King  
Norma & Daniel Kirkpatrick  
Kevin Lackey  
Lori LaValley  
Chip Leader  
Jan Libby, in memory of LUX LYMBER  
Ryan Liersemann, in memory of JOEY  
Ed Luksic  
Anne Lymber  
Courtney Lymber  
Beth Mack  
Mama Bird Pet Sitting LLC, in memory of CHASE  
Nancy Marconett, in memory of WOODY  
Thomas Mattingly  
Sara & Kevin McDaniel, for Sanctuary Dogs  
Christe McGarry  
Amy Meece  
Kelly & Mark Merino  
Amy & Steve Miller  
Brian & Megan Miller  
Moochie & Co.  
Cheryl Morgan  
Michele & Graham Myatt  
Cindy Orlasky  
Kevin Phillips  
Matthew Rahde  
Carla Rice, in memory of GUNNER  
Daina Rice, in memory of GUNNER RICE  
Dennis & Kristin Romak  
Rylee-Ann Romero, for MARSHALL and CARRIE  
Cheryl Ryan, for VICTOR  
Sam's Club Eastgate  
Amanda Sanchez  
Sidney Sauerbrunn  
Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock  
Sandra & Gabriel Seidman, in memory of Dave Fries  
Betty Shonebarger, in memory of Charlie Smith and BACCHUS  
Janet Shumaker  
Betty Smith  
Donald Smith, for VICTOR  
Erin Stiffler  
Karen Trimbell, in memory of LUX LYMBER  
Bonnie, Lily, Mario, Tiggy, Basse, Gunner, and furiends Twining, in memory of CHASE  
Marsha Wheeler  
Hollis Wiggins, in memory of DIESEL  
Jo & Ken Williams  
Holly Homan Witte, in loving memory of her father Frank Homan  
Holly Homan Witte, in loving memory of DION  
Pam & Don Wolf  
Craig Yacks  
Judy & Tom Yacks  
Thank You!

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

HHGDR advocates for the SPAY and NEUTER of all pets. There aren’t enough homes for them all!
The Caring Hearts Auction Group is holding a benefit auction for Harlequin Haven through its Facebook group, now thru Friday 9/28.
You must join this auction group to participate.
More than one hundred items—Longaberger baskets, Mozart Dane crafts, homemade dog treats, collars, many Dane and dog-themed items, notecards, art prints, custom art work, vintage and handcrafted jewelry, and much more!
The folks in this group both donate the items and bid. All the money comes to HHGDR! Thank you Caring Hearts!

Find this group on Facebook, and join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/190953954411141/

ADOPTABLE DANES—See them at www.hhdane.org
ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

Mozart 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 has retired from exhibiting at festivals, but still has many lovely art works to offer. Paintings can make a wonderful and unique gift for all animal-lovers.

Paintings can be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site. Lay-away and gift certificates also available.

Read Mo’s story at http://hhdane.org/mozart.

Shades Of Paw-tumn by Mozart. 16 x 20”, acrylic on canvas, $175.