

NEWSLETTER

CHRISTINE,

Cautionary Tail by CHRISTINE.

artist.

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DOG-ARTISTS, featuring Mozart and Christine

HHGDSBR has embarked on a very special collaboration between the human volunteers and the homeless dogs at the Rescue.

Certain dogs have emerged as possessing outstanding artistic talent.

Two of the stars are Great Danes Mozart and Christine. Other artists are Saint Bernard Odie, several Pickaway **County Cruelty**



Flower Pawer by Mozart.

Case dogs, and Katrina survivors Larry and Cindy.

On a suggestion from Sara McDaniel, volunteers Dale Bath, Dori & Jenni Reinhart, and Amy Young gathered large sheets of paper and several kinds of finger paints and set up in the front office.

Through much trial and error with the finger paints and paper they hit on a combination that produced

astounding works of art.

From the start some dogs just couldn't stand the feel of the non-toxic finger paint. But others seemed to Mozart Dane paw-artist.



really enjoy the experience.

Tired and covered with paint, hair, and slobber at the end of the first long day of experimentation, the volunteers sat back and looked at what their partnership had created.

Incredulous women looked at the paintings then back at each other as they saw the emerging beauty of the dogs' paw and tail marks.

Impatiently wait-

ing for the paint to dry. they assembled mats and frames and decided on the best combinations.

Now to see if others would see the beauty! Dale shared the images with a

peopleall were pleased and proud of the dog artists.

We knew that other dog and lovers would appre-

ciate the work, so the next step was a trial fundraising

eBay auction for the Rescue. Art historian Susan Meyer was thrilled at the chance to offer descriptions of the works and relate them to the dogs' individual stories.

The first works to hit eBay were Mozart's and Odie's and as hoped for, bidders responded with enthusiasm.

The dog-artists could now contribute much-needed funds to the Rescue.

> Below are two of their stories as developed Susan.



Christine was rescued by Harlequin Haven from the Pickaway County Cruelty Case in which a "hoarder" kept many dogs under terrible conditions. The hoarder had purchased

Christine from Petland. Hunte Corp., a puppy mill broker, was Petland's supplier.

Cautionary Tail is reminiscent Jackson Pollock's action paintings

as Christine paints with her tail in bold strokes. Her color choices of black and red reveal the pain in Christine's past while the joyful movement of her tailmarks show her hope for the future of finding a forever home.

Christine fervently hopes that people will not buy from Petland or any pet store that sells puppies when they hear of her sad tale.

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CHRISTINE uses her tail to paint her feelings of exhilaration at being saved by HHGDSBR, and her sadness for the dogs still living in puppy mills today.

Mozart, Dane dog-artist, uses his paws to paint both the pain of his young life, and his hope for a future forever home.

Dog-Artists, continued

The Harlequin Haven Great Dane & Saint Bernard Rescue Newsletter is published four times a year by the Rescue.

Submit items of interest to Newsletter Editor Janet Carleton.

Additional and back issues are available from the Web site and by request. http://www.hhdane.com/

ozart collaborated with others saved from the horrors of puppy mills to paint *United Pawpose*.

Having never been socialized or treated like a pet instead of abused livestock, he was sold at an Amish dog auction by a puppy miller then soon after was dumped by the buyer. Harlequin Haven came to Mozart's rescue.

Mozart expresses himself through his art and has created an art therapy program for the other dogs that were victims of puppy mills to deal with the their pain.

United Pawpose is a triumph with hopeful colors and the idea that together we can abolish puppy mills. The proceeds raised by the sale of this painting, and other dog-made art help to

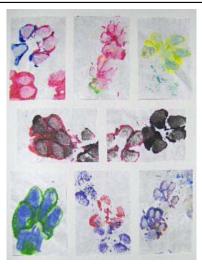
care for Mozart and the other dogs.

Mozart hopes that this collaborative effort will educate as well as bring hope and beauty to the world. The center of the piece features Mozart's creative and talented and painting surrounded by paintings done by his fellow victims of puppy mills.

Watch our eBay fundraising for a chance to support the Rescue by purchasing these beautiful pieces.

http://www.hhdane.com/

howtohelp/ebayauctions.htm



United Pawpose by Mozart and his Puppy Mill Art Therapy Group.

PUPPY MILLS, Ohio should be ashamed

MOZART has not only been speaking out against puppy mills in his art, but also on the pages of the Web site. Here are his words.

I was lying next to Grandma while she watched a video on the computer—listening to it made me sick! This news video was about the Ohio Puppy Mills.

Most are run by the Amish, and according to an investigator, there are more puppy mills in Ohio than in any other state, and with worse conditions. Now you ask why does this matter to me? I will tell you why! I am homeless and I was the product of a puppy mill.

Don't think when you see that poor little puppy in the pet store that you are doing something great by buying that puppy. Yes, you may be helping that one puppy but by doing so you are lining the pockets of the breeders (puppy millers), the middle man (Hunte

Corp.), and the pet store.

Each time a puppy sells, they know they can breed or buy one more litter because someone will buy their puppies because they feel sorry for them. The parents of these poor puppies are abused and neglected and by buying from them *you* are also guilty in my opinion of the abuse and neglect being inflicted on these dogs.

I was sold at an Amish dog auction in Holmes Co. and dumped just days later. Did the people buying me think they were doing me a favor? Well, I am happy that I am alive and at the Rescue with people that truly care about me, but I am scarred for life because of what I have been through!

I am sure though, that my breeder has had many litters since mine, and my poor parents are suffering every time they take a breath. Did you know that in Holmes Co. alone that there are 470 licensed puppy mills? Holmes Co. has a population of 39,000 people, and in the neighboring county of Tuscarawas there are 436 licensed puppy mills to a population of 90.000 people.

Dogs and puppies die every day in animal shelters across the country yet breeders continue to breed because people continue to buy.

The rescues can only save so many and it takes people to adopt us for the rescue to be able to save another life.

Please do me and all the homeless dogs a favor! Do NOT support breeders! Do NOT support pet stores such as Petland that sell puppies. Please help put them out of business!

For more information and links to news stories see "Puppy Mills in Ohio." http://www.hhdane.com/tales/puppymills.htm



THE PERFECT DOG

When I was born my breeder said I was perfect.

When I was sold my owner said I was perfect.

When I arrived at the Rescue they said I was perfect. So please tell me what is a perfect dog doing in Rescue?

Why are there so many perfect dogs that are homeless?

What makes me perfect, yet homeless?

Breeders that do not take responsibility for what they bring onto this earth.

Owners that don't educate themselves prior to buying that cute cuddly puppy.

People make dogs homeless and only people can make a dog perfect.

Why did my owner not care enough to make me perfect?

I was willing to learn, I did everything they had taught me.

Today a family came to the Rescue—they want the perfect dog.

Of course the dog must already be perfect, after all who wants a dog that is not perfect?

So you want the perfect dog?

Are you perfect?
What in life *is* perfect?



GYPSY & PIXIE, homeless sisters, are Great Dane and German Shepherd Dog mixes.

HEARTWORM PREVENTION, it's necessary!

Prevention of heartworm infestation is easily accomplished. Monthly medication is available which kills the larval stage of the worm which is injected by the mosquito.

Side effects of the heartworm preventative are extremely rare, and most veterinarians recommend that dogs remain on heartworm preventative year round, with blood checked yearly for evidence of infection.

It is quite common for "indoor" dogs to become infected with heartworm, so it is extremely important for all dogs to be on heartworm preventative.

Treatment of heartworm disease requires drugs which can have serious side effects, 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!

Excerpted from our article "Heartworm" by Dr. Lee S c h r a d e r. http://www.hhdane.com/medical/heartworm.htm

Mark your calendars for the Annual Rescue Picnic!

This year it will be held at the Rescue on Sunday, September 17.

BARK PARK, Volunteers Needed June 3

Mark your calendar for June 3 for this year's Bark Park fundraiser!

This is a very important fundraiser for us and we will need many volunteers to make it a great success.

Bark Park (http://www.barkpark.org) is located northwest of Columbus near the zoo. See Bark

Park 2004 under "Events" on the HHGDSBR Web site for photos of the beautiful setting and to get an idea of what it's all about.

There will be two work shifts; 9 AM-1:30 PM and 1:30 PM-5:30 PM.

We will need baked goods and crafts, along with other items to sell. Unlike our usual awareness events, for this event we ask that you do *not* bring your dogs.

This year Jennifer Kisker will be in charge of the event. If you can help please contact Jennifer at jlkisker@yahoo.com.



Suzie Schiff and Jamie Sharp clean Ben's ears during Grooming Day at the Rescue.





Bob Ball takes a break to play with his dog TITO (a HHGDSBR alum). Bob was the nice guy in red for the "Pictures with Santa" HHGDSBR fundraiser held at Strictly Dogs Daycare in Cincinnati.

Check the Web site for regularly scheduled events in the Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo areas.

http://www.hhdane.com/ events/events.htm

VOLUNTEERS, our most sincere thanks!

Randal & Becky Adams

Sara Ames

Dori, Brad, & Lydia Baker

Bernie & Bob Ball

Twyla Black & Daughter

Jeanna & Dick Burrell

Janet Carleton

Mary Ann Case

Jamie Collingwood

Diane Colvin

Don Corsmeier

Jane Dickenson

Beth Dotson

Kay Easton

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Dale Francis

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Ginger & John Hardy

Kenny Honaker

Lisa Huelskamp

Jon Jennings

Jennifer Kiser

Bob & Barb Kozlowski

Theresa Kraus

Nancy Marconett

Sandy Mason

Amy Matracia

Tom Mattingly

Barb McClure

Sara McDaniels

Christe McGarry

Susan Meyer

Amy Miller

Marianne, Samantha, &

John Moots

Dan Nusbaum



Sara McDaniel and Sonja Venzin bathe a grateful FRANKY during Grooming Day at the Rescue.

Alex & Brook Okker Brian & Kelly Owens

Danielle Patrick

Debbie Piotrowski

Mark & Barbara Powers

Dori Reinhart

Jenni Reinhart

Suzie Schiff

Sandra Seidman

Jamie Sharp

Betty Shonebarger

Charlie Smith

Mike, Kelly, & Rachel

Sowers

Ruth Speice

Tuja Stuard

Jim Tomaszewski

Sonja Venzin

John Whitacre

Jeff & Betty Whittington

Diane Widelski

Dawn Williams

Craig Yacks

Judy Yacks

Amy & Dustin Young

Attorney:

Greg Ruehlmann

Veterinarians:

Dan Meakin

Lee Schrader

Steve Schrader

VOLUNTEERS kept busy!



Christe McGarry and her Danes Jake & GIA joined Nancy Marconett and Jas-MINE (not shown) to educate the public at an Awareness Day event held at Moochie & Co.

Volunteers and their dogs staffed Awareness Days at Franklin County's Mingle with our Mutts; PETsMART stores in Springfield, Columbus, and Cincinnati; Moochie & Co.; and the Fayette County Pet Expo, among others.

Fundraising events included "Pictures with

Santa" and eBay auctions.

Volunteers came to the Rescue for monthly Grooming Days. Grooming Days give the dogs extra attention and an opportunity to make friends with new people.



RAINBOW BRIDGE, our deepest sympathy

Annie and Brent—Tom & Dale Bath

Billy and Jake—Bob & Diane Shaw

Chapel—Stacy & Bill Newberry

Cindy-Jim & Rebecca

Klabusich

Freckles—Tammy Fisher

Gidget—Dale Francis & Janet

Carleton

Hannah-Cari & John Ludrosky



Kasey—Jody & David Steele
Katia—Colleen Futvoye-Colburn
Merlin—Angie & John Gold
Molly—Ray & Jodi Mercer
Sam—Scott Altenhofen
Samantha—Nancy Marconett
Smudge G. Bear—Celesta &
Richard Black
Tyra—Marianne Moots
Zuzu—Janine & James Barr



GRACIE, a Pharaoh Hound mix, is a homeless Katrina survivor.

OUR WISH LIST, contributions gratefully received

Dog Items

Money for vet bills (payable to All Creatures Animal Hospital but mailed to HHGDSBR so you will be given proper credit for tax deduction)

Dog treats

Dog toys

Dehumidifiers

Pooper scoopers (scoop & rake or spade style)

Gravel or blacktop

Cleaning supplies

Bleach

Laundry soap

Liquid dish soap

Dishwasher soap

Garbage bags 55 and 15-20 gallon

Deck/siding scrub brushes

Mop heads for commercial mops Mop buckets w/wringers

Industrial squeegees

Paper towels

Carpet Fresh

Cleaning liquids

Window cleaner

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RECENT ADOPTIONS, congratulations!

Betty and Kelsey—Twyla Black
Brutus and Danny—Pandy & Doug
Pridemore

Cheyenne—Marianne & John Moots

Cindy and Di—Don Corsmeier

Cindy—Beth Dotson

Dori-Janet Carleton & Dale Francis

Jeffrey-Tom Mattingly

Jesse-Craig Yacks

Joey-James & Jean Zilliox



Dori on her adoption day with her new forever family

Jynx—Ken Stinson

Layla—Lisa Minklei

Luke—Brittany Beasley-Davis

Martin—Brent & Theresa Kraus

Samantha—Cathy & Chuck Ferrell

Sasha—Lisa Minklei

Toby—Amy & Matt Rader

Vernie and Woody—Nancy

Marconett



DONORS AND SPONSORS, A huge thank you!

See "How to Help" http://www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm

to contribute to the care and welfare of the homeless dogs.



BROOKE is a homeless victim of the Pickaway Co. Cruelty Case.

In 2005 the Rescue spent over \$20,000 on Veterinary bills ALONE Randal & Rebecca Adams Christine Albert Julia Archer

Thomas & Carole Asbury Robert & Patty Baird

Bernie Ball

Thomas Arnold

Jeffrey Ball

Janine Barr, in memory of Lucy, Zuzu, & Mrs. Brown

Susan Binder

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Dale Krumheuer

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Kim Lane

Sherri & Thomas Lechner

Andrea & Bo Letherman

Sharon Lewis

Philip Liebling

Amy Lionberger

Renee Loftspring and her daughter's Brownie

troop

Philip & Lucy Lusenhop

Joanie Mackowski

Karen Magnusson

Lisa Mannix

Natasha Mapp

Nancy Marconett

Courtney Marroni

Kathleen Martin

Tom Mattingly

V. Jacqueline McCombs

Brandy McCreery

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Cynthia McDonnell, in

honor of Vinnie

Judith McDonough, in memory of Molly

Robin McKell

Shawn Meade

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memory of Rocky

Kathy J. Wolfe

Judy & Tom Yacks

Your financial support is what keeps us going.

Without you, we would not be able to save them.

Thank you one and all, and if we have omitted anyone from our lists, we sincerely apologize.



ERIC, a homeless Dane, was a stray from Kentucky.



Success Story: BETTY, a Saint Bernard, was recently adopted after six years at Harlequin Haven.



Success Story: NIKKI was adopted last summer after living at the Rescue for four years. She continues to do very well in her new forever home with 4 other dogs and 5



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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 61 Great Danes, 9 Saint Bernards, 2 other breeds, and 9 mixed breeds waiting for new homes. To date we have adopted out 1178 Great Danes, Saint Bernards, and other dogs.

HHGDSBR eBay Fundraising Auctions



Keep an eye on the HHGDSBR eBay fundraising auctions!

Visit http://www.hhdane.com/howtohelp/ebay.htm to link to all our auction items. New items go up every week.

Some items are Danerelated, some are petrelated, and some are general collectables.



Keep looking—you'll find something you can't live without!



For Easter we featured baskets filled with toys and treats for both dogs and cats.

And for people, yummy chocolate Danes and chocolate paw-shaped lollipops sold well.





Don't forget the recent works by our dog artists (see article on page 1).

Our heartfelt thanks to the many folks who both bid on and donated items!

A special thanks to Louise Peterson, Dane Sculptor, who donated her original pewter figurines and note cards.

