

GIANNA & SAPPHIRE

GIANNA is a girl with a lot of love to give, but healing must come first.

GIANNA was owned by a family who bred her to make money selling puppies—and during her horrible life with them her eye was poked out and not treated. Finally her owners put her on Craigslist “Free to a Good Home.”

Lucky for her, a wonderful person saw that ad and got her to the Animal Friends Humane Society in Butler County, Ohio. There she was treated by its vet and an ophthalmologist, but during surgery to remove her eye she began bleeding uncontrollably and was rushed to MedVet for emergency surgery. The MedVet specialists waived their fees, but the hospital fees still needed to be paid. Our wonderful supporters began donating to cover the fees and things were looking good.



Soon GIANNA arrived at HHGDR to begin her recovery in earnest. But bad news came again. When GIANNA had her stitches removed breast cancer was discovered. She had a partial mastectomy on April 15, with another surgery scheduled for mid-

May, followed by chemotherapy.

GIANNA says “And then watch out world—I will be looking for that wonderful forever home I keep hearing so much about!”

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

SAPPHIRE is a girl in a hurry, but before she came to HHGDR she was going nowhere fast. Purchased from a backyard breeder then abandoned to fend for herself, she could barely walk. SAPPHIRE had untreated Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD).

Luckily, the Humane Society of Greater Akron came for her. They had no experience with the disease, but they reached out for help and within hours of hearing about it she was at Harlequin Haven.



After a couple of months of treatment, good food, and a warm bed, things were looking better for the sweet little girl. That suddenly changed in December when an orthopedic surgeon determined SAPPHIRE’s HOD had become so severe her rear legs were collapsing and without surgery she would need to be euthanized.

Sapphire says “Okay forever home where are you?”

The Rescue immediately put out the call and thankfully many people rallied to help Sapphire have her surgery by donating small amounts (they add up!). Her first surgery was on December 23 followed by the second on March 1. Both surgeries were a success and as of April 24 SAPPHIRE is ready for adoption!

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

HHGDR ON FACEBOOK

Please come visit us on Facebook! Just go to <http://facebook.com/HHGDR> to view the Rescue’s page. Click on the link “Wall” to see recent announcements and discussions.

The content is available to be viewed even without a Facebook account, but you cannot post or comment without an account. If you **do** have a Facebook account, please “Like” our page. We currently have more than 2,900 “Likers” from around the world, but we’d like it best if our Rescue family would also be part of our Facebook family.

Take the opportunity to show off your adopted

fur babies by posting pictures and stories, or add comments to other’s posts.

By the way, MOZART DANE, our painting dog, has his own page (see this issue’s back page), so please “Like” him too!



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Paw-suit Of Happiness by
MOZART DANE. 18 x 24",
acrylic on canvas.

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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.

WAYS TO HELP THE RESCUE

Note Cards and In Memory Cards

Note and In Memory Cards measure 5.47 x 4.21" folded, and come with a white envelope. Note cards are blank on the inside while Memory cards contain quotes and messages of sympathy. You can mix and match, but must buy in increments of 5 (total cards). Buy them while they last, as supplies are limited. Cost is 50 cents each, plus shipping. <http://hhdane.org/howtohelp/howtohelp.htm>



Wish List

-  Dog Treats
-  Dog Toys
-  Crocheted or knitted afghans & throws

For the complete Wish List, see "How To Help" on the Web site. Thank You!

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

TRAINING... IS VERY IMPORTANT

We strongly encourage all adopters to enroll in an obedience class. Even if you already know how to train, it is important for your dog to be trained in a group. This helps with bonding to you and teaches your dog how to get along with strangers—human and canine. Large strong dogs need to know good manners!

Look for positive trainers. The Association of Professional Dog Trainers site, <http://www.apdt.com>, can help with your search.

Visit the HHGDR website for more educational materials. <http://hhdane.org>

SPRING... AND BUGS!

Warmer weather is here and with it comes fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and other annoying insects. Besides being pesky, insects can transmit disease and parasites.

-  Fleas: Your dog can get tapeworms by swallowing a flea.
-  Mosquitoes: Deadly heartworm is transmitted by these pesky insects. Be sure your dog is on heartworm preventative, and tested annually.
-  Ticks: The deer tick carries Lyme Disease.

Consult your veterinarian about protecting your dog from these and other insects.

ABOUT THE RESCUE

HHGDR has operated as a Rescue since 1992. It became a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit in 1998, and to date has placed 1,399 dogs, in carefully screened "forever" homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana. Currently 32 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 2010 HHGDR spent nearly \$20,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible.

Unlike some large nonprofits with paid employees and directors with large salaries, HHGDR has no paid employees. Not one person receives financial compensation for the work done for the Rescue—the only pay is the gratification of helping the homeless dogs, as well as dog kisses and hugs!

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

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/>



GENTLE GIANTS by Ed Luksic

CASEY came to me by accident. I originally wanted to see KASEY but there was a little mix-up and CASEY came out instead. She wasn't real fond of men at first, but she came home with me like I had her all her life. She was my shadow and I could have done anything to her because she knew I wouldn't hurt her. We had a very special bond until she passed away in July 2009.

I seriously thought about not getting another Dane, or another dog period, as it's so hard to lose them. That lasted about a month and my home was so quiet and empty it just didn't feel right. Then I saw BERKLEY and read that he was hard of hearing. Maybe that's why his owner abandoned him to run the streets of Columbus—I don't know. Anyway I just had to go see him. I guess some things are just meant to be. Of course, I brought him home.

BERK is such a sweet, lovable goof. I think he's going to be a Wal-Mart greeter when he grows up! He wants to meet every person and every dog he sees. He even wants to sniff the cats, rabbits, and birds at PetSmart. He knows the sign for his ball (and will take off looking for it), and the sign to go out (he beats it for the back door). He knows by the clothes and shoes I put on if there's a chance he'll be going along with me when I go out. They are definitely not dumb animals and any person who doesn't like animals is really missing out on something.

Another thing about BERK. He loves to get a bath! The first night I had him home I went in to take a shower and I heard the curtain move. There was his head looking up at me. The next thing I knew he was in the shower with me. Luckily his shampoo was handy so he got a shower too. He just stands there trying to take a bite of the water

occasionally and lets me wash him and then towel him down. I also can't wash the Jeep without him trying to bite the water coming out of the hose. And he loves to run. He was getting me into pretty good shape before this everlasting winter happened. But, come spring, we'll start up again.



BERKLEY

Although he'll never replace CASEY, as she has a special piece of my heart, along with all my other furkids who have gone to the Bridge, BERK has carved out his own piece which will always be there. We can learn a lot from these gentle giants if we pay attention. They teach us how to have a good time even if someone IS watching. They console us when they feel we need a little comforting after a bad day. The biggest thing is the unconditional love they bestow upon us. I wouldn't pass that up for the world. God bless our Danes and the short time they have with us.

<http://hhdane.org/success/berkley.htm>

<http://hhdane.org/success/caseyl.htm>

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—Mary Beth Gettins

Bio: Long time resident of Montgomery, Ohio. Two daughters and a husband. Practicing attorney with Gettins & Nelson, LLC.

Owned by: Two Great Danes, Joanie and Teddy, and one cat, Sherman.

Current HHGDR work: Volunteer treasurer, attorney, and Saturday support staff since 2004.

HHGDR history: Adopted her first Dane from HHGDR in 1994.

High points: Volunteering at HHGDR is her way of giving back for all the wonderful Dane (Roxanne, Conrad, Joanie, and Teddy) companionship that has enriched her life for the last 16 years.



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VOLUNTEERS—Our Most Sincere Thanks!



Mo-grating Butterflies by MOZART DANE.
18 x 24", acrylic on canvas.

Attention Volunteers:

**We would love
photos of your
activities!
Please send
them to the
Rescue.**

Becky Adams	Dan & Annie Gonzalez	Betty Shonebarger
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VOLUNTEERS—It wouldn't happen without you!

Volunteers perform **all** the tasks for the Rescue—there are no paid staff! Almost any task a business would need, the Rescue needs too. Volunteers assist with transporting supplies and dogs, cleaning and upkeep of the Rescue facility, raising funds (such as "Dungarees for Danes" at the workplace, and collecting proofs of purchase and used toner cartridges), accounting, grant writing, awareness events, and PR, to state a few. Some tasks require actually visiting the Rescue, many others do not.

In addition to the regular care and grooming the dogs receive, a Grooming Day is held once a month when a group of volunteers come to the Rescue to "love on" the homeless dogs and give each one an extra thorough grooming.

Awareness events are often held at festivals and pet supply stores. Volunteers set up a table with educational material provided by the Rescue and bring their dogs along. Passersby enjoy meeting the successfully adopted dogs and hearing about those that still need forever homes. Volunteers also educate on the pet store/puppy mill connection and the need for spay/neuter of all pets.

HHGDR would love to put **you** to work helping the homeless dogs!

Please check the Rescue site for events in your area.
<http://hhdane.org/events/events.htm>



Top: During Grooming Day at the Rescue, Beth Sedlock and Tom Mattingly work with BUBBA (L) while Annette Condon (R) makes friends with DENVER.

Bottom: Eline Brandt and ALINE AKA DANA work a holiday time awareness event at Moochie & Co.



RAINBOW BRIDGE—Our Deepest Sympathy

Andy—Kathy Amrein

Bacchus and Turbo—Betty Shonebarger & Charlie Smith

Big Foote and Brookie—Sandra & Gabe Seidman

Buffie—Randy & Becky Adams

Charles—Ray Chesnick

Gracie—Tuja Stuart

Guinness 1, Katie, Leesa, Monty, Nia, Peppi—Dale & Tom Bath

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Mulligan—Mary Beth Gettings & Sidney Sauerbrunn

Patches—Shirley Doran

Rosie—Ed Firth & Cindy Orlasky

Susie—Tammy & Benjamin Cote

Timmy—Sonja & Gabriel Venzin



From the Depths of the Mo-ccean by MOZART DANE. 16 x 20", acrylic on canvas.

RECENT ADOPTIONS—Congratulations!

Bogart—Marty Valentine & Melissa Cannon

Jax—Megan & John Board

Jaymie—Richard & Kimberly Lagrou

Juliet—Shirley Doran & William Traub

Kiara and Romeo—Bethany & Richard Lee

Kory—John & Eline Brandt

Milton—Victory & Fran Dorrian

Newman—Annette Condon

Nova and Beauregard—Anne Goodwin

Warren—Rodney & Lisa Harrison

Willi Moe—Kristy Gallogly & Keith Merriman

Ziva—Michelle & Steven Heather

Clockwise from top left: KIARA, JAX, WILLI MOE, WARREN, MILTON, NEWMAN, ZIVA, KORY, JULIET, JAYMIE.





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Dennis Zech, for Sapphire



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

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LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES LIKE YOURS...

We have 30 Great Danes, 1 other breeds, and 1 mixed breed dogs waiting for new homes. To date, HHGDR has adopted out 1399 dogs.

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Alstroe-Mo-ria Flowers by MOZART DANE. 8 x 10", acrylic on canvas.

ART WITH A MISSION—Mozart Dane's Art

Mo paints with his paws to bring awareness to the plight of homeless dogs. Sales of his art support the Rescue.

Meet Mo and see his art at these festival appearances:

- ☼ Lazy Dog Daze of Summer Festival, Grandview Heights, Ohio, 7/23
- ☼ Art On the Lawn, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 8/13

Mo's paintings can be viewed and purchased from the HHGDR site. He even has layaway and gift certificates!

See Mo's paintings and crafts, and find out about upcoming events at <http://hhdane.org/mozart>.



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