

HARLEQUIN HAVEN GREAT DANE RESCUE

# NEWSLETTER

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

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## MOZART DANE: THE PASSING OF AN ARTIST

Do you love me enough to let me go? And I held him softly and replied......YES.

On the morning, of March 26, our beloved Mo crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Our hearts are breaking, but we are comforted in knowing that Mo's best friend, GRACIE, was waiting for him with a cheeseburger, their favorite treat. Together, they are running whole, free, and happy.

Mo was born in a puppy mill and his mission was to educate people about puppy mills, pet stores that sold puppy mill dogs, and homeless animals. MOZART spoke to people through his art and made many friends across the tri-state as they visited with him at his art shows.

We love you Mo. We will miss all that is you. You will always be with us, in the whisper of the breeze, in the colors you saw in the sunrises and sunsets across the field, in our minds, and in our hearts.

Say "Hello" for us to all our fur kids at the Bridge.

As we go forward, Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue will continue to honor Mo by taking up his quest to end the abuse and neglect of dogs and puppies in puppy mills. The Mozart Dane Facebook page and Twitter account have been rebranded as Mozart's Mission @ HHGDR, so please visit and support his memory and efforts.

http://facebook.com/MozartDane

http://hhdane.org/mozart/

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HHGDR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteerrun organization. Donations are taxdeductible!

MOZART DANE 9/7/2004-3/26/2016



#### 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 reauirements.

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.

# CALL FOR CRAFTS

This year's craft show is Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 9AM to 5PM.

We are expanding to a double booth this year, so we could use your support and craft ideas/stuff now more than ever. Amy is open to any ideas you may have or any items you wish to donate to benefit the dogs at HHGDR.

Years past we have sold Christmas items, wreaths, pine cone creations, stockings, Thanksgiving, fall decor, pumpkins, dog biscuits, bandanas, human treats- cookies, brownies, loaves of bread, wooden items,

handmade jewelry, sewn pot holders, table runners, afghans, baby bibs, and metal work.

Amy can reuse crafty items, touch up worn items, you name it our volunteers have probably done it! Almost anything if Amy can give it a crafty spin!

Please contact Amy Miller at amymiller2020@gmail.com if you need items picked up, or even better if we could arrange to have items dropped off at a central location.

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

## RIP MARCI 10/17/2006-4/27/2016

It is with deep sadness that we share news of MARCI's passing in April. We greatly appreciate all who stepped forward to help pay for her cancer treatment.

We were very hopeful after she had rebounded so well from her surgeries. Then she took a turn for the worse and began having grandmal seizures-apparently the cancer had reached her brain. She didn't wake up from her last seizure.

MARCI was a loving and happy dog and she embraced the love she found at Harlequin Haven. She deserved so much more than the treatment she received from her previous owners. We made a promise to MARCI when she arrived and are comforted knowing that in the last 2 months of her life, she knew how much she was loved.



## 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 1,540 dogs in carefully screened forever homes. HHGDR serves Ohio, extreme northern Kentucky, and parts of eastern Indiana. Currently 12 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 2015, HHGDR spent more than \$22,000 on vet bills alone. Contributions are always welcome and are tax-deductible. Contact the Rescue at info@hhdane.org.

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. http://www.hhdane.org/

# WHY I VOLUNTEER FOR THE RESCUE—Erin Smith

My husband and I discussed years ago our interest in Great Danes. We believe in adopting only from rescue organizations and planned to one day explore adopting a Great Dane. In our efforts to read up on the breed and better understand temperament and possible health issues we became convinced someday we would add a Great Dane to our family.

We researched online rescue organizations and came upon Harlequin Haven's site. Not only was the site a wealth of information, but we connected with the vision and mission. We decided when we were ready to adopt we wanted to adopt from HHGDR and bookmarked the website. In November 2014 that day arrived when we came upon WALDEN. We were blessed to adopt him. The adoption process was longer than many organizations, but the Rescue wanted to ensure we were ready for the "forever" commitment.

WALDEN continues to be a great addition for our active family. He attends our children's sporting events and steals all the attention. He has 2 four-legged "sisters" that he enjoys playing with and taking long naps. Since we had such a positive experience with our adoption I was looking for ways to pay it forward. The HHGDR newsletter mentioned a need for volunteers to support many of the local events. One thing lead to another and for the last year and a half the Smith family (Erin, husband Steve, and sons Cole & Noah) has volunteered

old boy came upon us at the mall. He stood 15 feet away observing others visiting WALDEN. I encouraged him to come over and visit with WALDEN, but he declined several times. He eventually shared his story of being bitten by a dog when he was younger. Over the course of a half an hour, little by little, the boy moved closer and closer. At the end of our volunteer time he was petting WALDEN and learned that not all animals are to be feared.

Our family plans to continue to support Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue by volunteering at events, providing transports when needed (we've done 3 so far), and donating whenever we can.

Thank you for allowing me to brag about our boy, WALDEN, and spread the word about adoptable Danes finding forever homes.

See WALDEN's success story at http://hhdane.org/success/walden.htm.

Email us at info@hhdane.org and we will gladly send you a volunteer application!

at Moochie & Co. at Polaris Mall in Columbus.

Our monthly volunteering has allowed us to connect with strangers, share stories, and educate others about the breed. We bond over our love of animals. WALDEN and I have met people from all walks of life and all ages. Some walk over for lengthy conversations and others say nothing, but simply make a donation to support HHGDR. Whether we receive a donation or not it's been amazing to share stories and common ground with others in a meaningful way.

One of my favorite volunteer experiences was when a 10-year-





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# 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 <u>info@hhdane.org</u> for a volunteer application.

## **REGULAR AWARENESS EVENTS**

#### Mingle with Our Mutts

• Dayton (Montgomery County Animal Resource Center).

#### Moochie & Co

- Columbus (Easton Town Center & Polaris Mall)
- Cincinnati (TBD)

#### Petco

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

#### Petsmart

- Cincinnati (Western Hills)
- Columbus (Easton)

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



Our gorgeous adoptable Danes! See http://hhdane.org/danes/1danelist.htm

- Dori Baker
- Wendi, Brenna & Aubrey Beauseau
- John & Meghan Board
- Jason Brown
- Janet Carleton
- Don Corsmeier
- Mame, Craig, Summer & Bentley Corson
- Dale Francis
- William Gentry
- Mary Beth Gettins
- Melinda & Tim Goings
- Autumn Goldsmith
- Thelma Goris
- Steve & Kim Grubich
- Doug & Mary Hull
- Ryan Liersemann
- Ed Luksic
- Beth Mack
- Nancy Marconett
- Kathy Marsh
- Brad Mathews
- Thomas Mattingly
- Moira McCarthy
- Christe McGarry
- Heather McManes
- Kelly, Mark, Jackson, Naomi & Bella Merino
- Amy & Steve Miller
- Donna Miller
- Amanda Owen
- David Scott
- Mike & Beth Sedlock
- Sandra Seidman
- Erin, Steve, Cole & Noah Smith
- Barbara & Brian Spatz
- Jerry & Patty Spooner
- Randy & Becky Ware
- Marsha Wheeler
- Jo & Ken Williams
- Mike Winters
- Judy & Tom Yacks
- Sue Young-Sparks
- Attorney: Mary Beth Gettins
- Veterinarian: Mark Hayes
- Veterinarian: Frank Norvell

# Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue

# **RECENT ADOPTIONS-Our Congrats!**

FELISA—Ed Luksic ISAAC—Faith & Joseph Fischer JAYLEE—Nicole & Seth Misenko MARINA—Marsha Wheeler NETA—Jeff & Betty Whittington NINA—Mame & Craig Corson PRIYA—Donna & Gregory Phillips

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

> > PRIYA



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# DONORS & SPONSORS—Thank You From the Depths of Our Hearts!

Shannon Alonzo, for MARCI Alina Avalos, for MARCI Dori Baker Jennifer & Tony Bavry Wendi & Andy Beauseau **Donald & Patricia Blum** Megan & John Board Amanda Boggs, for MARCI Boyd's Garage (Mt. Orab, Ohio) Debbie Bradford, for MARCI Jessie Brown, for MARCI Melissa Brown, for MARCI Celia Campbell, for MARCI Janet Carleton Angela Carnes **Ray Chesnick** Adam Ciarrone Joseph & Kimberly Coffey Annette Condon John Conners Julie & Joseph Corbin Mame & Craig Corson, for MARCI **Elizabeth Culler** Liz Culotta Debbie Eades, in memory of OPAL and PEARL Michelle Ellis, for MARCI Leah Evanovich Donna & Wayne Fanta James & Karalyn Frenelle, in memory of MOZART Gettins Law LLC, in honor of Thelma Goris Mary Beth Gettins Britny Gill, for MARCI Anne Gillespie **Robert Goebel** 

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Nancy Marconett Sara Mathews Nora McColgan Sara & Kevin McDaniel Christe McGarry, in honor of MARCI Linda McGarry Mary Mckeever, for MARCI Heather McManes, for MARCI Mercer Elementary (Cincinnati), Mrs. Grubich's 6th-grade class Kelly & Mark Merino Amy & Steve Miller Angela Miller, in memory of James J. Klabusich, and Great Danes PHOENIX, CINDY, LILY, and DAISY Scott Molenkamp, for MARCI Moochie & Co. Kenwood Moochie & Co. Polaris Marilyn Moyer-Ward, for MARCI Michele & Graham Myatt, for MARCI **Ohio Pet Fund** Melissa Paruleski Petland, for MARCI Carla Rice, in honor of JAKE and GUN-NER Rice Daina Rice, for MARCI Margaret Robertson, in memory of BELLA and MOLLY Moose & Guinness Robertson, for MARCI **Rylee-Ann Romero** Katlin Roush Sam's Club Eastgate Amanda Sanchez Sidney Sauerbrunn Elizabeth & Michael Sedlock Sandra & Gabriel Seidman

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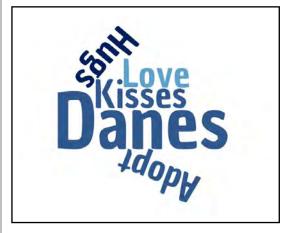
- Janet Shumaker
- Mary Simon
- Karen & Scott Smallwood
- Cheryl & Kita Rose Smith, for MARCI
- Erin & Stephen Smith
- Sandia Sommer
- Trena Roudebush
- **Colin Trimble**
- Karen Van Scoyk, for MARCI
- Christine Vrooman
- Lynn Wallich
- Kathleen Walmsley

Marsha Wheeler

Jo & Ken Williams, for MARCI, and in memory of MOZART

Judy & Tom Yacks

Thank you!



## **Our Highest Priority Wish List**

- Dog Treats

Dog Toys (Hard Boiled Softies; JW baseball & bowling pin, & Cuz; Wubba)

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

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

# MEMORIALS-Our Sincerest Sympathies

- BAYLEY—Jo Ann Coffee & Danielle Jasper BELLA—Joe & Julie Corbin BELLE—Nancy Marconett
- BOBBI—Scott & Andrea Eckner

HELEN—Steve and Sandra Nichols

- HONEY-Pookie Kostuk
- KINGSTON, MARCI, MOZART, SARINA, TOBY—Tom & Dale Bath
- NADIA AND PHOEBE—Tom & Judy Yacks
- **ROBERT**—Marsha Wheeler

# WAYS TO HELP



## **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. And all proceeds go directly to the Rescue dogs!

The current auction ends on Sunday, July 31.





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

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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 12 Great Danes awaiting new homes. To date HHGDR has adopted out 1,541 dogs.

# ART WITH A MISSION-GOOD-BYE TO Mozart Dane



Collage of MOZART DANE's paintings.

#### OUR BELOVED PAINTER HAS PASSED ON.

Mo painted with his paws to help support the Rescue and provide for the homeless dogs. He was the Rescue Spokesdog against puppy mills, pet stores, and for spay/ neuter.

We hope that you can continue to support his cause. Fewer than 10% of his beautiful paintings remain unsold. They can be viewed and purchased from the Rescue website. All of the funds go to supporting the homeless dogs at the Rescue.

In Mozart's memory we are asking all who have purchased a painting to send a photo of it to us at Mozart@hhdane.org. We'll share them on Facebook.

