



GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

December 2016

Help us help them

As Dane owners and lovers, we don't have to tell you how expensive it is to provide vet care to your Dane. Imagine providing that care to the fifty or sixty Danes that come through Great Dane Rescue every year. We take care of everything from Danes that are heartworm positive to Danes that require major surgery. Abner, our mega-E pup, needed Persistent Right Aortic Arch (PRAA) surgery and Bella Jade just underwent TPLO surgery for a torn ACL.

We also provide homes for Danes that are unadoptable. Generally these are Danes that are very ill and just need a loving home until they go to the Bridge or have a medical condition that makes adopters shy away from them. Monty's one of those pups. Despite our best efforts, Monty still leaks urine and wears a diaper when in the house. Understandably, we've had trouble finding him a forever home. We pay all of the expenses for these pups for the rest of their lives.

That's why your donations are so important to us. We couldn't look after the Danes that we do without your help. Every cent that is donated to Great Dane Rescue Inc. is used to support our Danes. Not a cent goes to our volunteers – we are a 100 per cent volunteer organization.

Help us help them this Christmas with a donation. Our Danes thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas.



Adoptions

- Tess – Sarah & Dustin Dortch
- Boo – Clay Goser
- Centi – Lee Ann Walker
- Jersey – Heather Neaveill-Kramer
- GiGi – Sara Flintoft
- Murphy – Delores Carter
- Zoey – Laura & Stan Turek
- Shadow – Kari Mano
- Kobe – David Probst & Lindsey Walters
- Asa (now George) – Jessica Connick
- Seth – JoAnne Richards
- Xena – Kari & Morten Jensen
- Marley – Betty Ann McPherson
- Josie – Debbie Shutter
- Valentine – Tina Price
- Scout & Libby – Tracey Heidecker
- Athena – Karen Schmidt
- Bentley – Jeremy Williams & Amy Hobson
- Bianca – Lexi Jones
- Rayna – Connie Hess
- Elsa – Kristie McWherter
- Willow – Jonni Turner



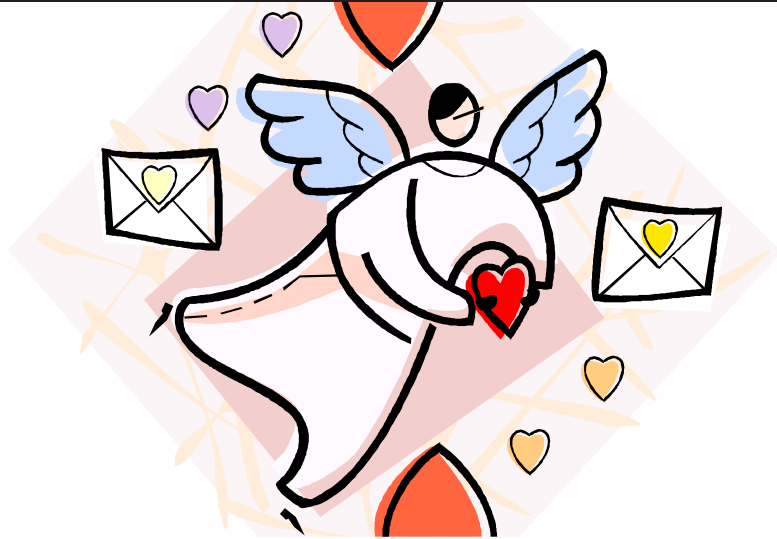
Our Angels

Monica Marciniak in loving memory of Barbara Sexton

Amanda Garrett

Peter Ammon in loving memory of Barbara Sexton

Gretchen & Roy Waters



Carla Koty

Jody Butz for Abner

Meyer

Mary Jane Sasarak in memory of Judith M. Piontak

Janet Geiger

Great Dane Club of America

Jean Padgett

Network for Good

Lee Ann Walker in memory of Christopher McCloud

InKicks

Benefit Wines

Jennifer Roley

Mary Hoatlin for Abner

Devil May Care Design
Charles Valenti

Amy Griffin

Amy Rockwell

Christopher Turpen

Wendell Welper

Far Zuhairy

Carrie Piontak

Eva Wlodarczyk

Ellen Hicks for Abner

Danny Baucum

Amanda Padamadan

Melody Weber for Abner

Anne Gatica

Ingrid & Don Boyd

Dorothy O'Connell

Patrick Butner

Jenna Villalobos

Shelby Hodges

Edmund Terrell

Janice Drake for Abner

Vivian Solorio

Cynthia Mohacsi in memory of Jester

Lawrence Linen for Abner

Cherie Lanzetti

Lesley Critton

Angelica Macias for Abner

Sally Smith in loving memory of Joseph D. Smith

Terry Woodard in memory of Soda
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Margaret Robertson

Faegre, Balar, Daniels
(Christina Page)

Ashley Fisher

Joel Rainer



Carin Rowell

Angelica Macias in loving
memory of Seamus

Mary Hoatlin for Abner

Renee Hanson in memory
of Tina

Gail Wotton in honour of Joey

Marilee Griffin

Rosie Sosa

Claude Lawrence in honour of
Liz Sweet

Karen Wainwright

Chris Welty

Jessica Memmel in honour of
Zeus Loehman

Lee Ann Walker in loving memory of
Ernest (Ernie) Dirske

Kin Reger

Gordon Food Service

Chris Avello

Danes on the Danforth

Three GDRI alumni were featured in an art exhibit – Danes on the Danforth – at a coffee shop on Toronto's trendy Danforth Avenue. Keith and Sarah Bennett's Danforth (fawn), Guinness (brindle) and permanent foster Monty (harlequin) are fixtures on Danforth Avenue and were included in this lovely exhibit.



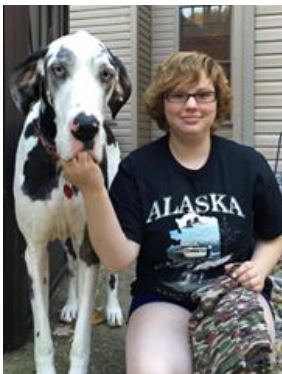


Breed Ambassadors and Volunteers Extraordinaire

Some of you already know about Sue Von Rosen Zieske's passion for Great Danes, Great Dane rescue, and for her volunteer work with her dog Darla every week as a pet therapy team at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and University of Michigan Hospital. She and Lady Darla have done this for about four years and as Sue says, "Being able to help these patients through difficult times has brought me so much joy and fulfillment. It is a feeling like no other."

Meet Darla's "BFF Gabby", an oncology patient at Mott who they first met in early 2015 shortly after she was diagnosed with leukemia. Over the course of her long treatment, Darla and Gabby forged a bond like no other. Gabby has since beaten cancer:-) Sue and Darla still stay in touch with Gabby and her Mom and meet up with them any chance they can. The black and white photo was taken in the summer of 2015, right before Gabby's bone marrow transplant. The other photo was taken very recently, when Gabby and her Mom stopped by for a visit.

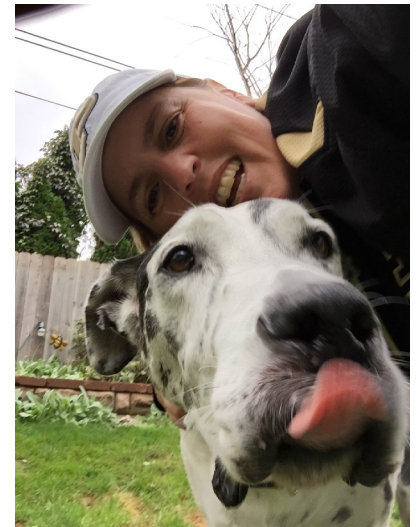
Lady Darla is also a bit of a Facebook star and Sue regularly posts about her adventures with Darla and her other Danes – Ivy and Radar.



Editor's Note: Sue regularly sells a calendar featuring her Danes and very kindly donates the proceeds to two rescue organizations.

GDRI is, of course, one of them. Every year, I somehow miss thanking Sue publicly for her donation – so this is my way of saying sorry and THANK YOU! Sue also worked on the 2017 GDRI calendar this year – a big thank you for that as well.

A shout out to Debbie Shutter...as you may know, Emmitt (11 year old rescued Dane) has been very sick. Over the weekend the vet had been suggesting putting him down. Debbie decided to bring Emmitt home so he could be comfortable and I headed north to be with her.



Emmitt even felt good enough for a selfie...

By the time I arrived we, Emmitt was eating, walking, going outside, drinking, and greeting the mailman in his usual manner.

You would never know that he was sick!! The love she has for these dogs is just incredible!! Looks like Emmitt beat the docs diagnosis!!

So proud of her!!

Editor's Note: I received the above from Debbie's sister Tracey Heideckers. Tracey also volunteers with us. Sadly, Emmitt passed away on December 1 due to complications from mega esophagus and aspiration pneumonia.



Rest in Peace

I would appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers for us tomorrow as we are going to have to put our wonderful, majestic, regal and beautiful Great Dane, Donar, down. We got him from Great Dane Rescue when he was approximately 2 years old. He is now 10.5 yrs. he is still just as feisty as ever, He has cancer and he just keeps losing weight, and something he will eat on one day he will not eat the next.

I don't know the exact reason he was brought in to GDRI - usually because people don't do the research and find out how big they will get, or they think he is too aggressive when all he needs is a little training. I have to admit he was a little intimidating at first, but he has turned into the love of our lives! He has never gotten into anything, never chewed a shoe, I don't know why anyone would want to abuse this dog who has nothing but love to give. I made him promise me he will meet us at the Rainbow Bridge! He said he would!

Sue Daviskiba Stephenson

Booth got to take his last car ride today on this earth. Hopefully there are cars up there in heaven. I picked him up to be a playmate for Bella 5 years ago at Fun Day. He was so attached to Leah after the ride up in her car that he kept crying for her and wanted nothing to do with me. That changed when he and Bella went for a car ride to get pizza. It turned out that Booth could be bought with cars and pizza. He was always very protective of his car when he was in it, so he was a good one to take for night time rides to the ATM. He quit playing with Bella when she knocked him off his feet one too many times but he did love to take walks. He had the weirdest gait possibly due to his greyhound side he always looked like he was prancing in the front and driving

in the back. He has always been a bit wobbly in the back end but it wasn't a problem as he could get up and around and run and play as much as he played. Recently, he was unable to get up without help and he could barely walk. He went into the vet and they did blood work, ultrasound and X-rays and ruled out everything but Wobblers. They sent him home with Dexamethazone and Robaxxon and that really did not help him all that much so I took him in for acupuncture. That seemed to help a bit but he got worse and could not get up even with help and was uncomfortable even just lying on the dog bed and the look in his eyes told me it was time. I just hope they have cars and pizza where he is now.

Karen Graham

This is hard to do but so many people in GDRI touched my baby boy's life that I need to let you know that we helped Jester pass away yesterday.

He had had mobility problems for over 2 years, then a year ago he suffered over a month of GI issues that left him skin and bones and very frail. The only good thing that came of last spring's illness is that he was able to move easier because of the weight loss. We got him through another year on a diet of cooked hamburger and lots of meds. Yesterday I came home to find that he had a bout of diarrhea as was so weak he could not stand up. Yet my boy seemed happy and hungry. He got a big dinner and I made the decision that it was time. He passed while I kissed his boney old head and felt his last heart beat.

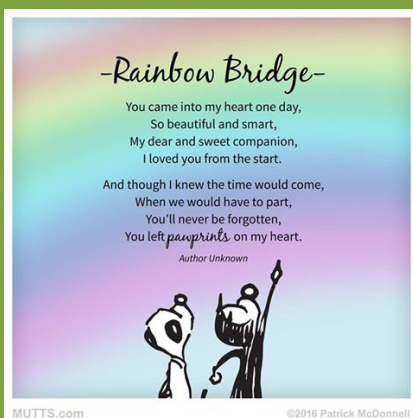
He will always be mine and I will always be his.

Linda and Rich Gates



At the Bridge

- Donar (was Major)
(Sue Daviska Stephenson)
- Mia (Margie & Tommy Schultz)
- Booth (Karen Graham)
- Maxx (Tina, Jon & Gyles Rice)
- Bonnie (Bill & Shirley Naples)
- Sheena (Donna Marks)
- Duke (Brenda Bush)
- Jester (Linda & Rich Gates)
- Zeus (Andrea Gauthier)
- Skylar (Laura and Stan Turek)
- Larry (Becky Outland)
- Thor (Sue Purdom)
- Simon (JoAnne Richards)
- Emmitt (Debbie Shutter)



Sandy's Spot

Wow – another year! Where does the time go – it seems like it was just yesterday that we together at Fun Day and then again at our Annual Auction. Both events were huge successes thanks to all that attended and spent their money so generously. And take a look at our Angels list – I'm astounded and very grateful for all of your support. It makes all the difference in the lives of our Danes.

I'd also like to thank our volunteers for the work that they do – fostering, transporting, fundraising, Facebooking – there is never any shortage work. Speaking of Facebook, have you seen our page? We have a huge following thanks to the hard work of a small number of volunteers. I don't know how they keep up!

I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season and I wish you all the best in 2016. Happy Holi-danes everyone!

Sandy



Happy Tails

Rosalie (Veda) is doing great. She gained 4 pounds last week! We are feeding one on the foods on the list of recommendations you sent us. I have scheduled an apt. for her with our vet for this coming Monday 10/11. They will review the vaccination list Jonnie gave us and give her whatever is needed. I will also get her flea and heartworm tablets at that time too so she is ready to go with that.

I have attached a picture of her we took this week. I am sure you can see how she is growing. We just got her a brand new bed and she loves it. We put it in a 'sunspot' in our front room and she likes to nap there. I just woke her up in this picture. She is learning how to walk on a leash and is sleeping through the night. She is adjusting very well and is happy. We have had many visitors and she has done well with all of them and is very friendly. She continues to do well with potty training though still has accidents but I am sure that is to be expected. We could not be happier with her.

Michelle



Agent Clyde is still on the job

Since Clyde's foster mom made such fun updates for him we wanted to follow in her footsteps. He's really doing well - he hasn't really grown into his paws yet, maybe he will stay a puppy forever! Here's the official update:

Super Secret Agent Clyde (previously known as Agent Boone) checking in!

I am entering the fourth month of my deep cover mission, and there is still work to be done. Life in the big city can be hard for some, but my Secret Agent training has kept me sharp and served me well. All soft, stuffed items are subject to my vigilant search--no foreign objects, squeaky or otherwise, get past my teeth. I sent these folks a message my first week--you leave those shoes out and those shoes are MINE! I think they received that message loud and clear.

My agility and speed are increasing with constant sprinting drills with my new family, and I am getting stronger and more flexible by playing with my rescue Dane brother Agent Gus--we keep each other on our toes. I have occasionally been forced to unleash my "superbark" on my fierce opponent in the brown truck who leaves things on the porch. I hear him laughing but he knows this is my domain! I have continued to hone my Secret Agent skills with a personal trainer who works with me here in the house. It may seem like obedience to the lay person, but I am training for something much more! The tomato plants and flowers in the back yard need near-constant protection from squirrels, and I am more than happy to oblige. I continue to take very long naps and eat large meals to keep these people blissfully unaware of the squirrel and rabbit danger that surrounds them. They should rest easy, Agent Clyde is on the case!!!

Marie & Todd

Do some Christmas shopping and support Rescue

GDRI 2017 Calendar: Features our rescued Danes and is a great stocking stuffer. We're offering a wall and desktop calendar this year. Order online at <http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/shop/danetshirts.html>

Benefit Wines: Enjoy a glass of wine while supporting Great Dane Rescue Inc. Wine makes a wonderful gift. More info at <http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/help/benefitwine.html>

Amazon Smile: When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. More info at <http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/help/fundraise.html>

Charity Wicks: All natural, vegan friendly, kosher, 100% soy candles with no added synthetic dyes for colour. Each candle is hand-poured and carefully labeled with our GDRI custom labels. More info at http://www.charitywicks.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc_c_1902.html

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