

December 2014

Great Dane Rescue Report



Adoptions

Star and Hanz—Cheryl & Bob Ryan

Luna Bleu—Jennifer Herron

Hank—Jan Drake

Hannah—Katharine Lee

Lincoln—Jennifer McEntire

Mooch—Marie Nauman

Diesel—Sivakumar Chinnaduri

Samson—Drew Drager & Jessie

Kahlua—Kay & Andy McEntee

Mork—Tara Irwin

Dexter—Annie Duckett

Apollo—Jeremy Watkins

Scoobie—Pat Odell

Ellie—Jennifer Thomas

Dack—Mary Rumball

Riley—Candice Cruz

Piper—Tracy Wilkels

Wynter—Kristy Kutner

Apollo—Watkins Family

Titan—Joseph Calabrese

Claire—Lori MaGuire

Ice—Elizabeth Amos

Jack—Chelsey Forry

Rocco—Tristan Jewer

Zoey—Cole Naumann & Erik Williams

Thunder—Meghan Rooney

Abby—Kelly Campbell

Sage—Katie Beemer

Slate—Patrick & Erin Hughes

Obie—Kathy Christian

Titan—Lisa Lee

Daner—Erin O'Sullivan

Sargent—Michelle Noli

Thatcher—Keith & Sarah Bennett

Gracie—Marilyn Chadwick

Aspen—Becky Riemer

Kane—Elizabeth Young

Mia—Margie & Tommie Schultz

Grace—Deana Miskimins

Salvaggio—Meghann McEntee

Duke—Carol Ritter

Give a Dane a Christmas

Your donations help us make sure that every Dane in our care has a Christmas. We are all volunteers at Great Dane Rescue - every cent that we receive in donations helps us help them.

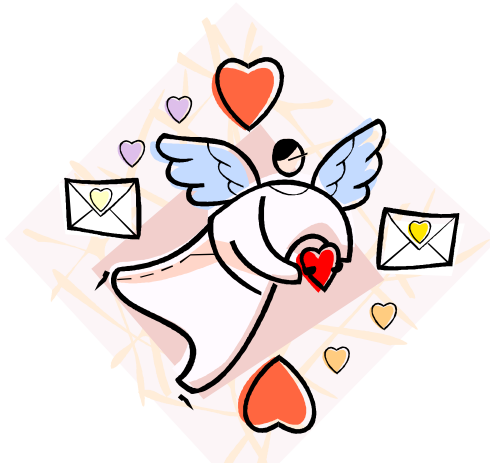
Did you know that:

- A \$5.00 donation buys a bag of treats for a deserving Dane.
- A \$10.00 donation buys a toy - sometimes it's the first toy a Dane has ever received.
- A \$25.00 donation buys a month's supply of heartworm meds or flea treatment.
- A \$50.00 donation buys a 35 lb. bag of dog food - about a month's supply.
- A \$100.00 donation pays for a complete set of shots.
- A \$250.00 donation pays for a spay or neuter for a Dane.
- A \$500.00 donation partially pays for heartworm treatment for an infected Dane.

It's an expensive business saving unwanted or neglected Great Danes. Our adoption fees only cover some of our expenses. We rely on donations so that we can provide for our Danes. Donate now - every Dane deserves a Christmas.

To donate: greatdanerescueinc.com/help/





Our Angels

Heather Sperget for Bones
 Robert Palsa for Bones
 Gail Christian
 Ruth Alcorn
 Brenda Merritt
 Kimberley Smith
 Andrea Williams
 John Eberle
 Matt Herman for Bones
 Karen Milmine for Bones
 Dara Spillman
 Dianna Hanna for Bones
 Laura & Stan Turek in memory of
 Mary Turek (pictured below with
 Hershey)
 Kim Reger for Angel
 Elizabeth Amos
 Ann Finlay Jewelry
 Petco
 Kendall Medial
 GDCA (Nationals)



Adam Johnson
 Sherrie Smith
 Andy & Lorie Malm in memory of Bob
 Sabatis
 Andreas Ostendorf
 Round Pond United Methodist Church
 in honor of Bev Walker
 Ally
 Abbott Labs
 Don & Ingrid Boyd
 Barkbox
 Mike Citta (Chicago Pet Show)
 Dana Colucci in memory of Blue
 (from Bela)
 Deb Brown (Happy Birthday Leah)
 Cindy Mohacsi in memory of Miya
 Christi Roe (Happy Birthday Leah)
 Kathy Garrison (Happy Birthday
 Leah)
 Brenda Bush (Happy Birthday Leah)
 Juliette McCoy
 Ronda Boothe
 Christine Rath
 Kroger Community Program
 Susan Carneau for Liberty
 Elizabeth McAskin
 Blacque Rose Scholarship Charities
 for Celaney St. Blacque
 Cindy Mohacsi in memory of Blue
 Rick & Lynn Irish
 Jorg Ahrens
 Kuranda Dog Beds
 Mark Foltz
 City of Toronto Strategic Communi-
 cations for Deb Brown
 Michael Downing for Dexter
 Ashley Fisher
 Jaime Watson
 William Mittica
 Christine Rath for Liberty
 Alysse Tefft
 Alan & Billie Fordeck
 Petfinder
 James Loop & Jeannie Duke (Happy
 Birthday Leah)
 Cynthia Askins
 Margie & Tommie Schultz in memory
 of Raven, Miya and Blue
 Marilyn Smith in memory of Jo Anne
 Barnett's mom
 Benefit Wines
 Jacqueline Pinol for Dexter
 Dianne Harrison in memory of Daniel
 Beal
 Becky Lee
 Todd Brown
 Daria Bauer for Zeus
 Lee Ann Walker in loving memory of
 Mildred Sculley Tuneff
 Vickie Rayle
 Elizabeth Merriott
 Jason Elias
 Chrystina Aller
 Dawn Kennedy
 Diane Johnson
 Jacqueline Pinol for Bones
 Andrea Evans
 Jackaye Tokar
 Sandra Millard
 Lisa Lopez
 Amanda Pacult for Bones
 Chris Bolognese
 Robert Morgan for Bones
 Marilyn Reed for Bones
 Suzanne Haag
 Peter Rumrill in memory of Marilyn
 Rumrill Smith
 Linda Mulder in memory of Jasmine
 United Way
 Jo Anne Barnett (Indiana Fundraiser)
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 Robert McAndrew
 Kelly Nye, Creative Dog Photography
 Renee Young in memory of Frank
 Hughes
 Nathan Whiting in memory of Moose,

There's a deep sleep that only comes on the first night out of the shelter. As he settles in, he gives a great big sigh. Like a weight has been lifted off his shoulders. Then he sleeps deeper than he ever has. Knowing he's safe. You get a lump in your throat as you realize how close he came. Now he's safe. Forever. Because you fostered.



Sandy's Spot

Another year has come and gone in what seems like a blink of an eye. As you can see from our long list of adopters, we've been busy. Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to our Danes. There would be no happily ever after for them without you.

And our list of donations seems to get longer with every issue of our Great Dane Rescue Report. We really can't thank you enough for all that you give to help us help them. It is truly heartwarming and on the really bad days—days like the day we lost Bones—it keeps us going.

I'd also like to thank our volunteers—our foster homes, our drivers, our fundraisers and all the others who do the endless little things that always need doing. Your generosity of heart, keeps this rescue going and lets us help the Danes that we do.

I would like to wish all a happy and healthy holiday season. I hope that you enjoy time with your families—furry and otherwise.

All the best in 2015!

Rest in Peace

Blue (Leah LaGrone)

Miya (Cindy Mohacsi)

Kitty (Keith & Sarah Bennett)

Daisy May (Caroline Beaudoin)

Duke (Pam)

Raven (Margie & Tommie Schultz)

Heidi (Sherrie Welch)

Kira (Julli Archibald)

Anna (Tanya Nelson)

Bones

There is one more sweet soul at the Bridge today. Bones is now completely healed and running with all the others who have gone before him.

Foster mom Emily is heartbroken. Vet says that Bones had a heart attack.

Ruff Guide

Does your dog need a vacation? Ruff Guide to the United States features 365 of the best places to stay and play with your dog in all 50 states. Whether your pooch prefers to 'ruff it' on a hiking adventure or sit in the lap of luxury at a five-star resort, the assortment of trips in this book is sure to have him (and you) begging for a vacation! When you enter code "GREATDANE" at checkout, you'll get free shipping, and we'll get a \$10.00 donation for each book sold! <http://www.ruffguides.com/shop/book>



Dexter goes HOME! (and what not to do during a transport...)

We loaded up the VW and headed out, just Dexter and me, tears falling as the garage door closed. His big 'ol blocky snout rested on my shoulder for a bit, he drooled in my hair, then he settled down with his antler and squeaky purple pig. We headed north, up I-65, through Tennessee and into Kentucky. We'd just crossed the border when the boy stood up at the same moment that I was glancing in my rearview mirror.

"OMG! What did you DO?!"

"woof"

Yes, my block headed boy was busy chewing all right...chewing right through his leash! I forgot to take his leash off when he hopped into the car. Not to worry, I ALWAYS have spare leashes in the car. I have all sorts of emergency dog equipment in the car now, because I never know when someone's going to call and say "can you help me with this dog that I just found".

We pulled over for a potty break, I reached over and got my doggie equipment bag, rifled through the treats, muzzles, first aid kit, water bowls (do I really need 3?!), found an old hoof, an antler...not a single leash, not even one of those cheap slip leads from animal control.

What to do...what to do???

All I needed was a Walgreen's or a WalMart or SOMETHING open at 9 AM on a Sunday morning in rural Kentucky.

We got to our exit. We found our meeting place. And then I spotted a Family Dollar Store and it was OPEN!!

I gave a stern warning to Dexter, locked the car door, and ran inside. I found a young woman and asked for dog leashes. She was a little surprised, but directed me to the correct aisle. NO LEASHES!! I rifled through the boxes that were in disarray and then went through the collars, just in case. Success! I found ONE extremely ugly 4' leash. I was back in the car in less than 5 minutes.

Back to the meeting spot. I leashed up my boy and opened the car door just as Charlotte arrived. Dexter made fast friends, hopped in the van and was off.

I sat and cried, then began the journey back to Nashville. Good luck my sweet boy. You were one of the very few who almost didn't leave.

Dexter's HOME

Annie, Dexter's new woman, let me know that all is well. Clarice, her dog, is getting along nicely with Dexter. She adores him and he clearly has forgotten all about me, fickle boy.

Delores, who has restocked the VW with leashes and will never again leave home with a spare

Spotty Dogs Rule

"Loki & friends: Adventures of rescued Great Danes"

www.spottedogsrule.com

Happy Tails

They call him "Hank the Wonderful".

When Janice saw him for the first time, she cried. He's the perfect dog, with excellent manners and great obedience training. Despite only having him for a couple of weeks, there's already a routine in the house...he sleeps in bed with her under his blankie. She does a split shift so he's crated twice during the day, but only for about 2 hrs each time.

He makes her laugh everyday and they're still discovering his personality. He likes men if they are sitting down, when standing, Hank likes to bark at them. He's already visited her work, and everyone loved him (and he loved them all back). They're especially entertained when he drinks from the faucet.

It sounds very much like Hank has landed in an excellent home with people who love him.

"I can't even imagine life without Thunder anymore. I don't think there are words to describe just how grateful I am to have Thunder in my life so I will just have to live my gratitude and never stop striving to keep Thunder happy, healthy, and safe."

Just wanted to send along a picture of Grover with his friend Boone (owned by my friend).

Grover is doing well -- we moved back to MI this July so that I could start my residency. He finally has the back yard that he's been wanting complete with an outdoor dog bed on the deck and a black squirrel that's brave enough to taunt him occasionally. He's my very best buddy ever and I love him dearly. His face is starting to grey and he doesn't have *quite* as much energy as he used to ... however he still goes out for 3-4 mile runs with me and would go hiking all day every day if he could. He's always up for a new adventure and willing to go anywhere with me (except for the bathroom ... too great of a risk of a dreaded bath in there!).

I think that he enjoys having a house (mostly the back yard part) although he has claimed the upstairs bedroom as his "bachelor pad" and every night after I get home he runs up there and I hear him romping around. I finally went to check it out one day (admittedly I don't use the upstairs part of the house yet) to find out that he had at least 15 toys strewn across the room that he had been taking up one by one! Silly boy.

Love the goofy man.





GDR I has more than 120,000 followers on Facebook. That makes us the largest Dane rescue by more than 80,000 followers and the third largest Dane site on Facebook. We have between 500,000 to 2 million people reading and our posts weekly. That is great news for our Danes—the more people who see them and get to know them, the better their chances of finding that perfect fur-ever home.

So, if you haven't already, please like us and join the conversation.

Editor's note: A special thanks goes out to Stephanie Tracy who has single-handedly built and maintained our site.

Pawsh Apparel



Guinness and Danforth (both GDR I Alums, along with Gracie, recent GDR I Alum) are models for a new line of dog coats, launched this week in Toronto. The twist is that they are leather and/or tweed high-fashion coats for large and giant breed dogs. So...for every dog coat sold

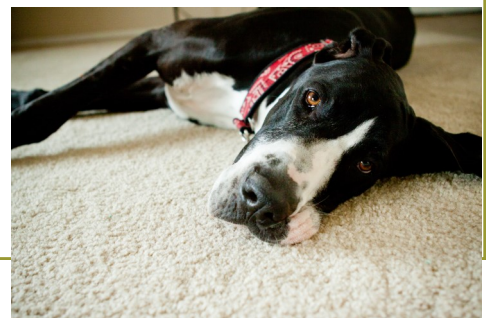
with the promo code "Danforth" the buyer will get 5% off the cost of the coat and a donation will be made to GDR I for 10% of the cost of the coat.

If you're interested in a very special coat, go to: pawshapparel.com/

GRDI 2015 CALENDAR

The GDR I 2015 Calendar is now available for sale. The calendar features our very own rescue pups and make a great stocking stuffer. You can buy it online at:

greatdanerescueinc.com/shop (under the tab—For Dane Lovers)



Benefit Wines

Enjoy a bottle wine and support Great Dane Rescue. **Great Dane Grapes** is the name of our very own wine label with Benefit Wines. The Benefit Wines offered - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Malbec and Sauvignon Blanc - are imported from LaFortuna Vineyards in Lontue Valley, Chile. A great Christmas gift idea for family, friends and co-workers! All of our wines are certified organic and vegan friendly.

The Collector's Package of wines (\$117.94) includes one bottle each of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc. \$34 of the purchase price goes to GDRI.

This Sample Pack of wines (\$78.96) includes one bottle each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. \$23 goes to GDRI.

Or purchase individual bottles for \$19.99 each and \$6.00 from the sale goes to GDRI.

To order: benefitwines.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc



Companies with secret menus and free stuff for your pup

Most of us want to do everything with our pups. Sometimes it's hard to find places that will welcome you and your Dane. Here are just a few places that will cater to your dog:

Starbucks

One of the items on the Starbucks secret menu is the Puppuccino, a small cut filled with whipped cream for your pup.

Johnny Rockets

At select Johnny Rocket locations, a specialized menu is offered for four legged friends. Items include doggie hamburgers, lickety split ice cream and pupcakes.

Sprinkles Cupcakes

Sprinkles offers doggie cupcakes that are sugar-free and topped with a yogurt frosting.

Tim Hortons

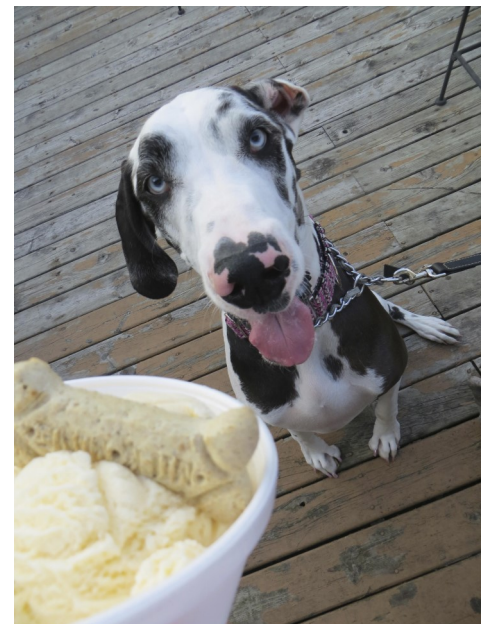
Tim Hortons offers Timbits for dogs. Just ask for a pet-friendly Timbit so they know not to put sugar on it. One per canine customer.

Dairy Queen

Ask your cashier for a pup cup next time you're at Dairy Queen with your dog and you'll receive a small free serving of vanilla soft serve ice cream.

Culver's

Culver's has a tradition of offering milk bones to dogs coming through the drive-thru. Some locations offer a milk bone in a scoop of vanilla ice cream.



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