



GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

May 2015

Fun Day

Fun Day is being held on June 6, 2015, at Hines Park (Cass Benton area) in Northville, Michigan.

Everyone who has adopted from us in the past or is thinking about it in the future or just has a Dane is invited to join us. All breeds are most welcome, must be kept on leash and hopefully behave themselves.



For those of you from out of town we have a block of rooms booked at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth MI. To make a reservation, call 734-459-3300 and mention that you are booking a room from the Great Dane Rescue block. The hotel's address: 39700 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170

Some of us arrive on the Friday evening before Fun Day and partake in Joyce's Margarita Bar in the parking lot. It's lots of fun so please come by for a drink.

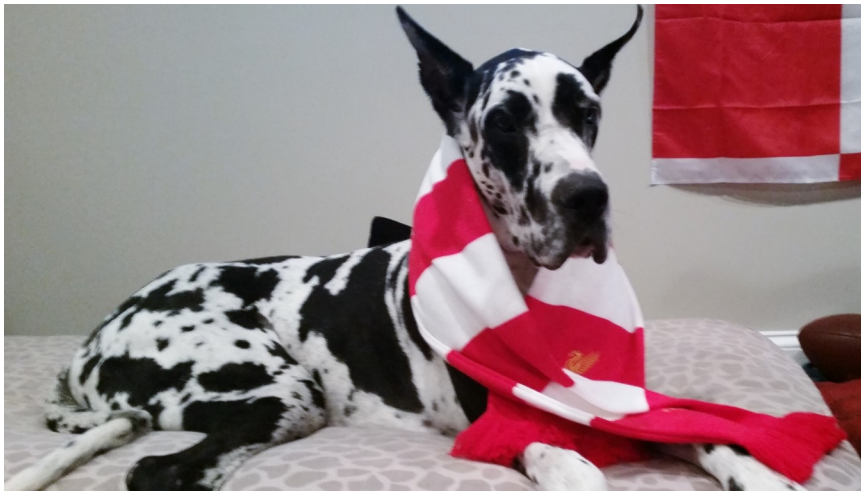
On Fun Day, we all head out to the park for about 10 am. We have games you can sign up for, raffles you can buy tickets for and stuff for sale and then there's the free LUNCH prepared by our fabulous Alabama volunteers!!! It's always a good time. Make sure you bring your lawn chairs or a big blanket to hang out on.

Thanks to all who donate raffle items for Fun Day—you make our raffle table a huge success. Fun Day wouldn't be Fun Day without your support!

See you there!

Adoptions

- Elsa—George & Corie Liberios
- Hagen—Heidi Kaiser
- Grace—Deanna Miskimins
- Duke—Carol Ritter
- Hanz & Star—Cheryl Ryan
- Samson—Drew Drager
- Mia—Margie & Tommie Schultz
- Knoxville—Danielle & Justin Hartig
- Salvaggio—Nick & Meghan Smith
- Titan—Laura Zgoda
- Lilly—Amy & Lenard Mattox
- Cooper—Tamara Rahman
- Gunner—Sherrie Ashley
- Layla— Charles Wasdin & Lane Gaulding
- Cotton—Leah & Chuck LaGrone



Mooch—in the gear of his favorite team—Liverpool Football Club. The team's theme song seems appropriate for Mooch: You'll Never Walk Alone.

Mooch – our giant, goofy spotted ball of joy -- has had a challenging couple of months but has responded with his typical heart and enthusiasm.

Two months ago Mooch was diagnosed with a soft tissue sarcoma on the inside of his left leg. He had surgery to remove the mass, and chemotherapy beads were inserted into the site to take care of remaining cancerous cells. During his stay for surgery, a neurologist also diagnosed Mooch with Wobblers. Since his adoption he has had issues with stairs and "knuckling" on walks so this was not a total shock, but this guy has been through so much we were really hoping for something different. His mobility is still good and there is not a pooch on earth that wants to go for a walk more than Mooch! He loves his tromps through the neighborhood and still believes each and every day that he is going to catch one of those squirrels in the backyard or park. We have tried to explain to him that a spotted dog of his size is never going to sneak up on a squirrel but he has decided to ignore us and keep the dream alive.

The only thing Mooch wants more than a walk is something to eat. The joy Mooch feels at meal time is something that needs to be seen to be believed. Everyone should get to experience the pure joy of watching him bouncing on his tiptoes and "talking" when his food bowl approaches.

Mooch is really a fantastic cuddler and loves to hang out on the couch with our other rescue dane Tulip. They are a funny pair and listening to the two of them snore on the couch reminds us of how lucky we are to have them. Although Mooch has had a rough life and some major challenges, he reminds us every day about the little joys in life. He is such a sweet boy :)

Marie

Editor's note: Mooch bounced back quickly from his cancer treatment and is still hoping to catch a squirrel.

Happy Tails

Grace is still doing wonderful and she has completely come out of her shell! She is a very happy happy and spoiled little girl! She has brought so much joy and happiness to our lives. Grace doesn't like to be more than a few inches away from us at all times and we feel the same about her. She enjoys tracking rabbits in her yard, walks around the block, car rides, playing with her stuffed animals, and snuggling with Mommy and Daddy. Grace loves weekends the best because that means we get to sleep in and hang out together all day. She likes being the only child and getting lots of attention.

The exciting news is that she has graduated from her training class and she did really well. Grace was already well behaved, but this has really been a great experience for all of us. She has learned new things and she listens to us well. Our little shy girl was pretty scared and uncomfortable in class, but by the end she would take treats from the trainer and even some other employees. We spent a lot of our time socializing with strangers in the store while the other puppies practiced walking on a leash in the last two weeks of class. We are very proud of her improvement.

Deanna

Adoptions

- Chowder—Paula Donnelly
- Rosco—Eleina Lamento
- Hagar—Paula & Terry Lozon
- Maxima—Tracy Hamlin
- Indy—Jim & Tina Sayer
- Buddy- Leigh Sellari & Victor Cerda
- Jewell—Erin Oliver & Craig Lonsdale
- Jazzie—Carey & Tony Bruno
- Elvis—Carla & Dave Baldwin

Our Angels

Tina Paries in memory of Clyde Paries
Karen Wenig
Marilyn Holcombe
Inga Fisher
Margaret Robinson
Britte Lyyski
Colin Robinson
Andrew Beard
Karen Wright
Bradey Jump
Kelly Warnett



When Roscoe arrived in Rescue, he had never been a house dog. He had no manners and really had no idea how to live inside. Roscoe has been in foster care for awhile now and continues to improve, thanks to his foster Mom, Delores.

Roscoe, a work in progress

Roscoe continues to impress me! He sits for everything by his own choosing. I honestly never thought he would accomplish that, but he did!

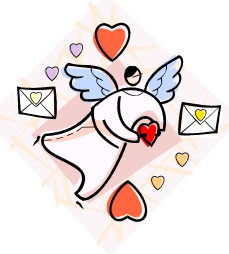
Each morning this past week he's been in the kitchen for breakfast prep – sitting and watching from "his" place. Sometimes he gets over stimulated and reverts to mouthing, BUT if I stop and ignore him you can see him figuring out what to do on his own. The only verbal communication is "nice choice". If I verbally correct him he does respond, but it's slower and he tends to become anxious.

On those mornings when I'm rushed and overwhelm him with words he gets confused and anxious. Right now Roscoe is my mentor, reminding me daily to be calm and peaceful. He mirrors my emotional state, which is great when I'm calm, but when I'm in a tizzy, well, the boy is a slobbering, panting, anxious Great Dane.

When I got this messy, anxious yard dog I knew he would be a challenge. I never thought he would be such a sensitive soul. Now that I realize just how profound an effect my own emotional state has on him I'm trying ever so hard to be the kind of energy that he needs. The result? I'm feeling more peaceful and he's becoming a peaceful, slobbery giant of a boy. He's almost got the hang of yoga time....if I'm on the mat he may lay down next to me....ok, still working on the next to me part, he'd prefer to be on the mat doing yoga moves with me. Ever try a tree pose with a 140# Dane "helper"? Yep. That mental picture is accurate.

Delores

Our Angels



Ingid & Don Boyd
Kroger Rewards
Marlene Bistrovich in
memory of Bonnie Button
Lansing Schantz
Susan Bannon for Emile
Pavinovic
Cindy Mohacsi in memory
of Klyde
Cameron McCowan in
memory of Fiona
Samantha Arnold for
DeAnna Van Senus
Laurie Lieberman
Kirsten McAuliffe
Amy Clark
William Sosebee
Central Marking Equipment
Co. for Bonnie Button
Bobby & Kelly Wilmoth
Wolverine Great Dane Club
Kathy Lucy
Barb Teahen
Benefit Wines
Carla Coty
Cindy Mohacsi in memory
of Zoey
Lynn Irish in memory of
Zoey
Michael Downing
Kelly Gagne in memory of
Misty
Sandra Millard
Shari & Abelardo Rodriguez
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Bridget Serratus
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of Mikey
Cindy Buchanan
Kevin Kinton
Cindy Mohacsi in memory
of Hemi
Robert Surovell in memory
of Carol Ann Palin
Laura Fraser
Candace Lamb
Blank Hats for Charity
Judith Julian
Beth Myer in memory of
Hemi
Tamara Glidewell
Cynthia Call
Suzanne Oaks
Claudette Greenstein
Float.org
Felicia Rupp in memory of
Winston
Kelly Sawtelle
Cheryl Sacrates
Mark McLaughlin in
memory of Brinnie
Michele & Chris England
Katherine Thompson
Pilar Zenozain
Kathy Pate

Beth Myer in memory
of Joanne Barnett's
mom
Janis Murray for Monty
Joshua Chalk
Paul & Debra Dushane
in memory of Anna,
Winston and Sam
Beth Meyer in memory
of Blue
Bruce Haupt
John Wise
Wm. Mann & Kathleen
Ferris in memory of
Brian's mom
WoofTrax
Denise & Jeff Berth-
iaume
Julie & Parker Metz in
memory of Sookie
Georgia Di Salvo
Karen Enochs & Julie
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of Sarasota County
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sica Morey)
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Gayle Schwartzmiller
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Lynn Irish
Lesley Critton
Graham Hoare

Sandy's Spot

What can I say but thank you—thank you to our adopters, to our donors, to our volunteers. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you. As you can see we've had a busy winter—lots of adoptions, lots of losses and some wonderful wins.

Monty—unadoptable due to health issues when he came to us and look at him now! Mooch (GDRI alumni)—had his struggles with cancer and wobblers— but thanks to a loving home, he's doing great. Roscoe—a Dane that had to learn how to live in a house, is now ready for adoption. Every Dane that comes to us has a story—I wish I could share them all with you.

I hope that you'll join us at Fun Day. Did you know that we started Fun Day many, many years ago as an event that would let the foster families see their foster Danes with their new families. And here we are today—our volunteers come from all over (Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario, Canada) to spend the weekend and catch up with other volunteers and to see how their foster Danes are doing. Last year, I think there had to be 70 or so Great Danes in attendance.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again. Until then,

Sandy

Monty's Angels



When Monty came to us in December, we had no idea of the journey we were going to take together. We knew that he was a hermaphrodite and that he had some urinary tract issues—he was leaking. Monty's first surgery was an exploratory to find out if Monty was able to make or carry puppies. That surgery was inconclusive so off we went to the University of Guelph Veterinary College—it is one of the best in Canada and we knew that if anyone could help Monty they could. Monty was unadoptable in current condition. After days of diagnostics, Monty underwent surgery to have his urethra reconstructed. The vets also removed a small uterus and performed a gastropexy. The surgery was successful but Monty required four weeks of rest before resuming his life as a rambunctious puppy. Monty is currently happy and healthy in his foster home.

Thank you to all who donated for Monty's care—this was an expensive journey but well worth the effort!

Birgit Whyard
Bent Munson
Jeffrey Morgan (in memory of Binks for Monty)
Chris Bolognese
Marty Taylor
Beverly Orefice
Jenna Villalobos
Jacqueline Martone
David Handy
4 Weird Books





Rest in Peace

- Abby (Heidi Lepey)
- Ebby (Jacqui Nantau)
- Miya (Cindy Mohacsi)
- Klyde (GDRI)
- Hemi (Brad & Jeanette Coval)
- Brinnie (Mark McLaughlin)
- Harley & Lola (Mike Citta)
- Sookie (Julie & Parker Metz)
- Zeppelin (Brynn Avery)
- Zaney (Peter Dow)
- Jedd (Sue Olds-Browning)
- Rossi (Michael & Diane Schurman)
- Empress Emmy (Sue Zieske)
- Cloe (Bill & Gail Zhemendak)
- Zoey (Steph & Jamie Tracy)

Rescue Explained

The neglect changes you The abuse hardens you.
The suffering breaks you.
The ignorance angers you.
The indifference disturbs you.
The injustice destroys you.
On a daily basis...your faith will be tested.
Your heart will be wounded.
Your soul will be altered.
On a weekly basis...you'll question yourself.
You'll question your strength.
You'll question the world.
On a monthly basis...you'll fall down.
You'll get up., you'll go on...
On a yearly basis...you'll look back...
You'll see faces...
You couldn't save them. You'll learn to mourn.
To grieve, to sob.
You'll learn to trust a little less. To do a little more.
To fight a little harder.
You'll learn to try. To hope. To pray.
You'll learn to fail. To succeed. To accept.
You'll learn when to hold on. When to give up.
When to let go.
You'll learn who you are.
What you stand for. Why that matters.
You'll question what you're doing.

You'll wonder if it's worth it.

But...here's the good news...

When you forget... When you question...

When you wonder... All you have to do...

Is take a look around... And you'll see them.

You'll see their faces. You'll see their smiles.

You'll feel their love. In their eyes, you'll see their journeys...

You'll remember their beginnings...You'll know how far they've come...

You'll remember when they didn't know you...

When they didn't trust you...When they'd given up.

You'll remember how you healed them...

How you loved them...How they loved you, too.

And as you look back. You'll want to move forward... For them... and because of them.

In your darkest hours, you'll look around...To find the differences made...the hope given...and the lives saved...Because you existed.

In those moments, when you look into their eyes... every doubt will be erased.

Every question will be answered. Every worry will subside.

Because in that instant...in each of your hearts...

You both share the very same thought:

"Every bit of pain was worth it...for this moment here with you."

And honestly...no matter what else happens...

Those moments hold all the strength you need...

To keep going. Rescue is pain. Rescue is joy.

Rescue is worth it...because they are worth it.

And that's the honest truth."

~ Author unknown

A special thank you

Our volunteers are an amazing bunch. Not only do they foster Danes and drive miles and miles to transport our Danes to their foster or forever homes but they also fundraise. A special thank you is due to the following people for the work they've done to raise funds for GDRI:

- Joanne Barnett and friends. They raised nearly \$3000 for GDRI at the Indy Pet Expo. Thanks to all who worked the event!
- Amanda Hasse Sprague for managing our semi-annual collar fundraisers
- Ronda Vaughn Marshall for arranging for a t-shirt fundraiser
- Jeanette & Brad Coval for the recent painting party at Pinot's Palette
- Deb Brown for arranging the Float.org t-shirt fundraiser

And of course, thanks to all of you who have shopped and supported these fundraising opportunities.



**Rescuing Dogs
will tear your heart out,
stomp on it
and bury it where you never
think you will find it.....**

**Then along comes
another dog,
that digs it up
and gives it back to you.**

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