



# GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

December 2015

## To love a Dane

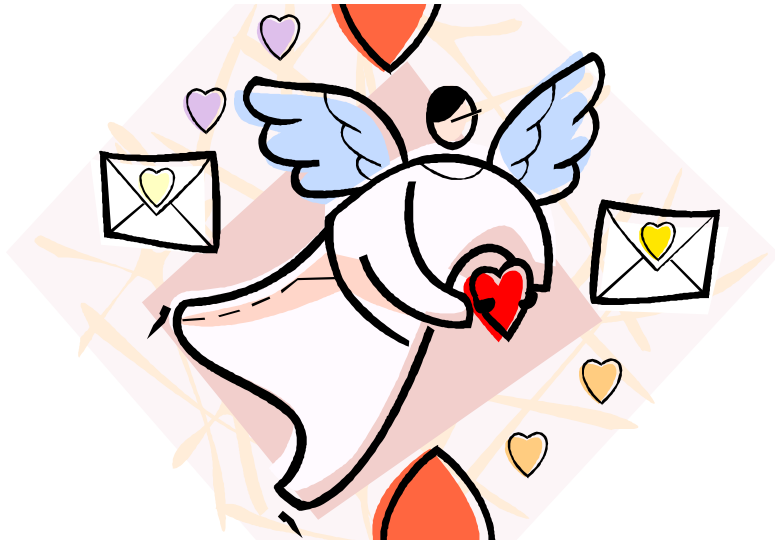
To love a Dane is to love humour and destruction, kisses and drool, fur-covered clothes and never a moment alone. To own a Dane is to own a natural disaster, a piece of heaven, a glimpse of hell. To have a Dane is to have patience and insanity, peace and chaos. They are like the winds blowing wildly in the storm and like grains of sand slipping through our fingers. To lose a Dane is to lose your heart, to lose your ground, to lose your faith, and to lose oneself. To those who don't own a Dane, we are crazy, silly, brave, confident, rich and poor. We look crazy with fur-covered shirts and drool-covered pants, but our hearts are full. To see us with our giants is awe-striking to those who have never lived with one, but little do they know, we are holding on to a piece of paradise and for only a glimmer of time.

*Author Unknown*



## Adoptions

- Cooper - Michael Kolinski
- Elvis - Barbara Romas
- Charley - Elaine Lamento
- Lexi - Larry & Julia McCarty
- Sophie - Kelly Bekolay
- Crash (now George) - Irene & Jeff Evans
- Guinevere (aka Stevie) - Amanda Burge
- Bruno - Nancy & Kevin Paston
- Dallas - Jenny Hagler Guiling



## Our Angels

Kristen Bailey

Kathleen Millimen

Joan Vernasco

Meghann Schenk

Autumn Evans

Terence Wilkerson

Lisa Huelskamp

Lauren Friday

Jane Fleener

Sandra Millard

Tom Watson

Cynthia Hurst

Cindy Mohacsi in memory of Teagan

Karen Graham

Theresa & Andrew Sibel in memory of Linda Roberts

Carol Latto

Stacey Cashwell

Gabrael Fireman

Chaydon Ford

Nathan Harp

Adam Ciarrone

Lynn Irish in memory of Kiro & Brandi	Michael Downing
Carla Koty	Abby Andrew
Great Dane Club of America	Stacy Tiemeyer
Benefit Wines	Margaret Robertson
Diane Wholey	Sharon O'Farrell
Carol Ganza	Marie May
Kathleen Dilger	Angela Megenbier
The Boyds	Anna Kristen Fritzel
Kroger	Stacey Dolloff
Jeanette & Brad Coval in memory of Hemi	Melissa Fitchpatrick
Tyler Tinker	Joanne Barnett
Linda Bennett in memory of Michael Bennett	Stephern Palmeri
Davis Family	Angela Newkirk
Amy Greenslade	Debbie Daniels for Zeus
Marco Balbis	Jenine Hendricks
John Corkery for Zeus and two new rescues	Gregory Eischen
Kimberlee White	Dawn Krause
Jessamin Proctor	Joyce Lilly
Sara Cheatwood	Margaret Reed
Tracey Niblack	Christie Roe for Zeus
	Michael Vitacco
	Blackmar Entertainment

**A special thanks to Sue Zieske for arranging a very successful t-shirt fundraiser in November. And thanks to all who purchased!**

## Rest in Peace

**Ralley** - Tanya Nelson

**Brandi** - Cindy Mohacsi

**Atlas** - Kelsey & Siva Chinnadurai

**Teagan** - Wendy Watson

**Mooch** - Marie & Todd Naumann

**Bela** - Dana Colucci

**Teddy** - Lin Gardinor

**Diesel** - Carol McGuire



Ralley

## Ralley (Morales)

It is with a heavy heart that I share this last and final update for Ralley. Such a deep and intense boy who looked directly INTO you and asked you to look deeper past his soulful eyes... I vowed to him to be sure he had the right human/s to share his intensity, to shower him with the love and adoration he desired and to find that perfect Forever Home. My lesson today is to be clearer that I would like to meet these parameters on this side of the bridge as we all lost his physical presence late Saturday night. All of our boys and girls were there to greet him at the bridge and this house sits just a little quieter, more still and less full. We had the sense he wanted to stay here and while I kept reassuring him that we'd find him his own people, I guess he ultimately made the choice himself. We miss you Ralley.

*Tanya*

*Editor's Note:* Sometimes Danes come into rescue and unfortunately don't make it to their Forever Homes. I always think that these Danes come to us for a reason—to be loved and cared for before crossing to the Rainbow Bridge. Ralley and Brandi are two of the special ones that stayed with us.

# Happy Tails



*Carey, Henry and Jazzie*

Wow, we love this girl more and more every day! Even after 4 months, every day we see something new. With her having more confidence and trust with us, Henry and her home. We say all the time that we really lucked out with Jazzie! We walk everyday about 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 miles and we try to meet new friends, people and dogs. She really loves kids! I have never had a dog walk so well on a leash, she's amazing! .

Jazz is truly the best fit for Henry in his condition. When we help him slowly down the ramp to the yard, she walks slowly with us. It's hilarious. Sometimes she lets out a small bark at the end for encouragement for him to keep coming. Since Henry is only either on the bed or sunbathing outside, we've worked on getting her comfortable laying on the bed with him. We believe she is his therapy dog! He really has accepted her and she is great company for him when we're not home. She has learned he is no threat to her and a small bark from him doesn't make her run out of the room anymore. We haven't shut her crate door in almost 3 months. She still likes to sleep in it when she's not making a nest on the spare room bed! She has really helped us too in dealing with some of the stress with Henry and his wobblers and all the other little things that he has to endure because of his condition. Jazz (we call her Jasman a lot because we found that on her papers) has brought so much joy to our home.

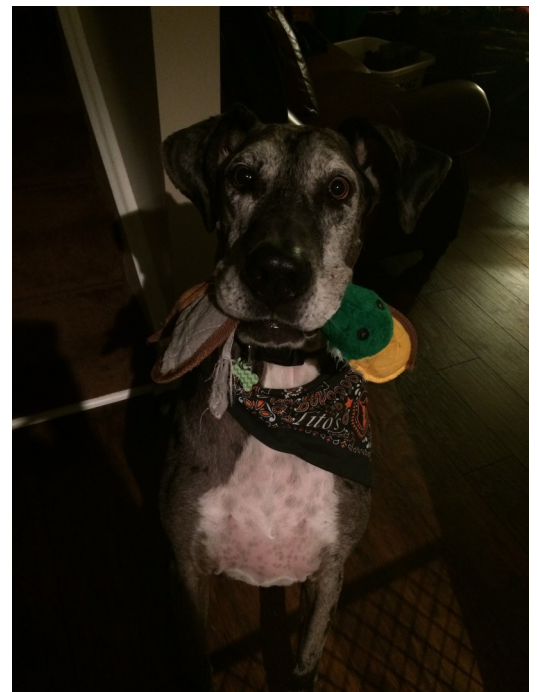
Jazz is such a well mannered, sweet, obedient love.

I can go on and on about our Jazzie girl! We cannot thank all of you for making the most perfect match for our family!! Enjoy some pics...

*Carey and Tony*

I must say I love Elvis! He is a perfect fit and I couldn't be happier. He took no time fitting right in and making my home his own. He loves my big leather couch, which he claimed as his on his second day here. My neighbors love him and they all greet him by name on our walks. As I told Debbie, were still working very closely with him on his dog anxiety. Somedays he could care less if there is another dog in passing, other days I have to redirect his attention. He quickly learned my schedule (which I tried to keep as close to Debbie's) and learned he must wait in his bed when we are eating at the dinner table. He is truly amazing, smart, and loving.

*Barbara*



*Elvis*



## Every Dane Deserves 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:

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

It's an expensive business saving unwanted or neglected Great Danes. We rely on donations so that we can provide for our Danes.

Donate now - every Dane deserves a Christmas.

To donate: [greatdanerescueinc.com/help/](http://greatdanerescueinc.com/help/)



## Rescue Me

Rescue me not only with your hands but with your heart as well. I will respond to you.  
Rescue me not out of pity but out of love. I will love you back.  
Rescue me not with self-righteousness but with compassion. I will learn what you teach.  
Rescue me not because of my past but because of my future. I will relax and enjoy.  
Rescue me not simply to save me but to give me a new life. I will appreciate your gift.  
Rescue me not only with a firm hand but with tolerance and patience. I will please you.  
Rescue me not only because of who I am but who I'm to become. I will grow and mature.  
Rescue me not to revere yourself to others but because you want me. I will never let you down.  
Rescue me not with a hidden agenda but with a desire to teach me to trust. I will be loyal and true.  
Rescue me not to be chained or to fight but to be your companion. I will stand by your side.  
Rescue me not to replace one you've lost but to soothe your spirit. I will cherish you.  
Rescue me not to be your pet but to be your friend. I will give you unconditional love.  
Rescue me with true love in your heart and I will give you these things all the days of my life.

*By Terri Onorato*

## being an "until" mom....

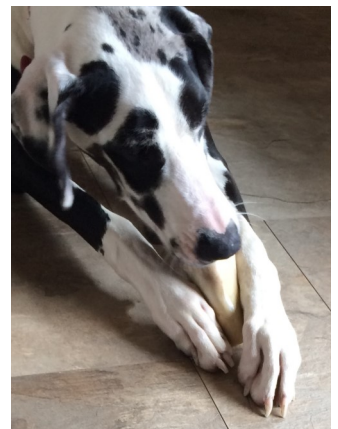
I'll hold you until you're not afraid to be touched,

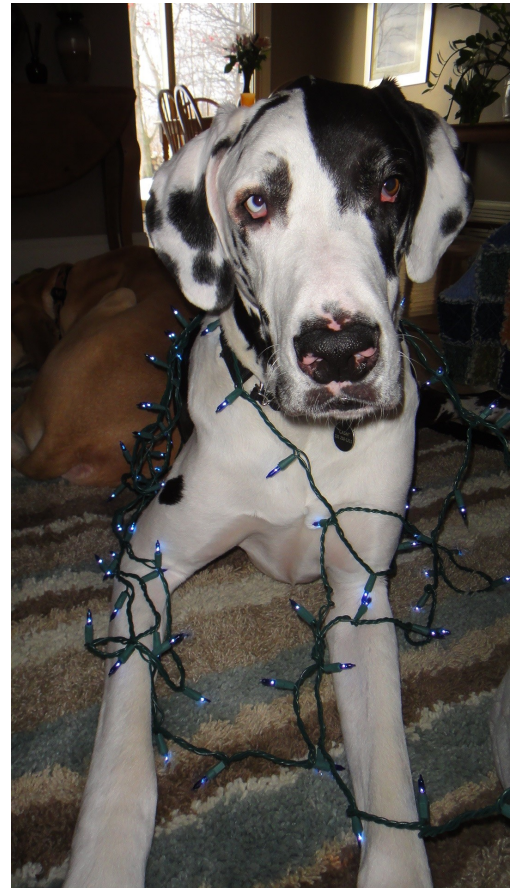
I'll pet you until you're no longer afraid of hands,

I'll feed you until you know you can count on your next meal,

I'll be your mom until I trust someone else to love you,

I'll love you until ...always





## Sandy's Spot

Another year has just flown by. As always, we've been busy. There never seems to be a shortage of Danes waiting to come in. Thankfully, we have adopters and donors wanting to help. We couldn't do what we do without you so thank you!

I'd like to thank our volunteers for all that they do for the Danes. We have foster homes who open their homes and their hearts to our Danes. We have volunteers who drive hours moving Danes from shelter to foster home or foster home to forever home. We have volunteers that do home checks to make sure we get the best possible home for our Danes. We have volunteers that work on our online activity such as the website and our Facebook page. Have you taken a look at our Facebook page? It's amazing—we have more than 300,000 followers! We have volunteers that help with behavior issues and volunteers that send thank you and bereavement cards to our donors and adopters, and volunteers that plan fundraising activities. As they say, it takes a village...and I can't thank them enough.

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*

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**GDRI 2016 Calendar:** Features our rescued Danes is a great stocking stuffer. Order online at <http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/shop/danetshirts.html>

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