



GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

May 2017

Fun Day 2017

GDRI's annual Fun Day is fast approaching. This year we'll gather on Saturday, June 3 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 dogs are very welcome but must be kept on leash.

For those from out of town we have a block of rooms booked at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth MI. Call the hotel directly to make a reservation at 734-459-3300 – mention that you're booking a room in the Great Dane Rescue block. Danes are welcome to stay there as well, but please pick up after your dogs and don't allow excessive barking etc. Dogs should not be left unattended in the room. Some of us arrive on the Friday evening before Fun Day and partake in Joyce's Margarita Bar in the parking lot of the Red Roof Inn. Everyone is welcome 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!!! It's always a good time. Make sure you bring your lawn chairs or a big blanket to hang out on.



If you would like to donate an item for the raffle table, please contact Jeanette Coval at gr8danes@wowway.com.

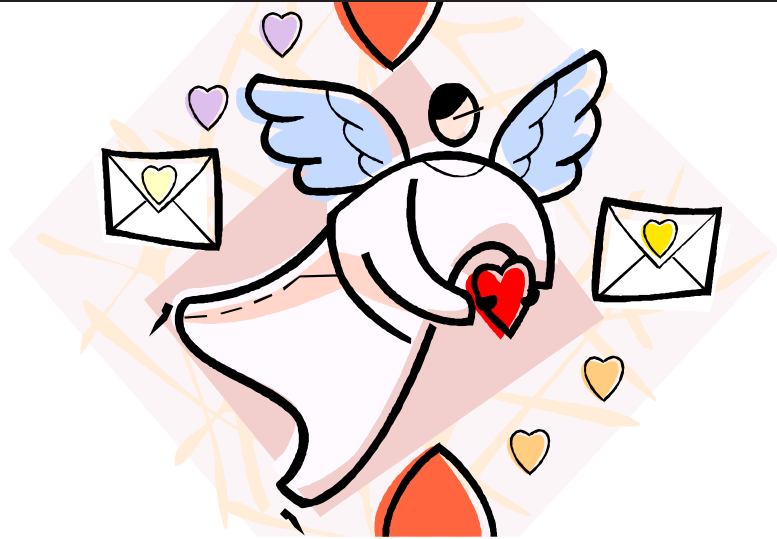
More info available on our website: greatdanerescueinc.com

Adoptions

- Ziva – Sherri Ashley
- Murphy – Christal Murdoch
- Clarabelle – Cecile Gordon
- Clover – Brenda Bush
- Ellie – Connie Pocock
- Xena – Mark Petro
- Rosalie – Michelle Koss
- Nala – Todd Wysocki
- Harper Lee – Ann Mahon
- Dooley – April & John Makowski
- Lolita – Terry & Marilyn Chadwick



Our Angels



- Greg & Valerie Wohlgamuth
- Kroger
- Dogs on the Bay Collars
- Ingrid & Don Boyd
- Cyndi Lessard (@greatdanesunleashed)
- Jeanette & Brad Coval in memory of Millie
- Deborah Brown in memory of Millie
- Peter Long
- Kathy Vigar dt
- Leah Korce in honor of James "Jimmie" Barnett
- Susan Bernstein in honor of Ron Hayes
- Barking Cat Jewelery
- Debbie Shutter
- Float Apparel
- Wolverine Great Dane Club
- Petfinder
- Community Foundation of Central Tennessee
- Brian & Delores Carter
- Benefit Wines
- Charity Wicks
- Linda Taraglino
- Linda Record
- Sunny Sjaara
- Michele & Chris England
- Susan Keene to thank Dr. Brian & Liz Dawson
- Neda Kennett
- Jacqueline Nantau
- Deanna Ingram
- J. Bolsky
- Judith Julien
- Lany Grow
- Joylyn Gray
- Janice Drake
- M.Gamble
- Robbin Tippett
- Lynn Ellyn
- Diane Clark
- Lee Ann Walker in loving memory of Ernest "Ernie" Dirkse
- Elizabeth Brodasky
- Marilyn McCormick
- Elizabeth Sims
- Betty Heiden
- Kurt Beuerlein in memory of the daughter of Roger & Linda Worrell
- Gretchen Waters
- Emily Bolognese
- Chris Kisner
- Laurel Sibilsky
- ResQthreads LLC
- Ann Kramer
- Jessica Meyer
- Viking Companies, LLC
- Carolyn Larson
- Janina Jannotta
- Stephanie VanMatre
- Joan Vernasco
- Cheryl Ryan
- Kimberley Szecsodi
- Cheryl Ryan
- Erica Calderon
- Susan Richardson
- Melanie L Gerber
- Andrew Streb
- Peter Studnicki
- Dianne Hartman
- Margaret Kreiner
- Claudette Greenstein
- Thelma Robinson
- Angelina Kistingner
- Jolene Ottaviani
- Mike Sewell
- Mandy Bond
- Patricia Landess
- Otto Sanchez



- Melody Elste
- Cynthia Fanara
- Gayle Nichol
- Anne Slusher
- Regina Becraft
- Karla Yeck
- Steven Reeder
- Claire Werner
- Antonio Rodriguez
- David Perkins
- Audrey Bell
- Jennifer Dormack
- Judith Paine
- Carol Barlow
- Alice Kindheart
- Suzanne Field
- Laura Redman
- Jody Butz
- Jeffrey Chamberlin
- SID 17
- Christopher Eicher
- Dean Marks
- Kelly Oss
- Gregory Eischen
- Jamie Miller
- Christi Roe
- Deborah Brown
- Robin Frampton
- Julia Wisniewski
- Carlie Lamento
- Laura Mazza
- Kelly Bradley
- Lisa Stern
- Jean Tennant
- Seneca Bowers
- Marilyn Holcombe
- Shelley Melchior
- Karen Bowker
- Cheryl Sacrates
- Brendan Haney
- Sandra Wikstrom
- Tom Fandre
- Kelly Ross
- Erin Arter
- Jackie Davis
- Kristina Cwil
- Mirjana Hrgovic
- Michelle Razzani
- Holly Hancock
- Cathy Greenwood
- Deborah Shutter
- Ashley Fisher
- Deanna Ingram
- Jacqueline Nantau
- Nedda Kennett
- Staci Boynton
- Joshua Chalk
- Jeff Grady
- Robbin Tippett
- Janice Drake
- Joylyn Gray
- Rolayne Grow
- Judith Julian
- Jenny Bolsky
- Jill Gamble

A tribute

A little background...my daughter fought (and beat!) Leukemia and went through a bone marrow transplant. Not pretty, but she's kicking ass and doing great!!!!

I've never met Brian and Liz. They are my Facebook friends (friends of friends), although I think that Brian went to High School with my wife, Lexi. Anyway, when a Go Fund Me account was being sent around, they were extremely generous. My biological family aren't supportive at all, so people like the Dawson's meant the world.

I can never ever pay back the kindness that was shown to us, but I can pay it forward, right?

Brian and Liz support your rescue, so what better way to show them my love and appreciation? I'm a dog lover as well, I have 4 of various mixes LOL I adore Danes, but have never lived with one....maybe one day ;)

Anyway, thank you for the good work that you do and your dedication to these magnificent creatures

Susan Keene



Sandy's Spot

It's finally starting to feel like spring and that means we're getting close to Fun Day! I can't wait to see everyone again – adopters, Danes and volunteers. It's always a great gathering. Leah puts together a fabulous lunch – burgers, dogs, salads and desserts – and Jeanette arranges for the raffle table with lots of Dane-lover prizes and other goodies. Cedar Creek Beds come by with their amazing dane-sized beds and we always have a selection of product from our online store. It's a great day and I hope that you will all drop by.

One of the reasons we came up with the picnic was so that we could see the Danes that were adopted after being so skinny/neglected/left behind. We thought it would be a great morale booster for all of us and you know what? When I look around on that Friday night at the Margarita Bar, and again on Saturday at the picnic, it all becomes very clear to me. Crystal clear through tear filled eyes. AWESOMENESS.

Did you see the list of Angels? What a wonderful group of supporters we have. We are truly blessed by your generosity. It seems that with every newsletter, the list gets longer. Thank you to all of you for your support – we couldn't do what we do without you.

As always, thanks to our volunteers – our foster homes, our drivers and everyone else that help with the day-to-day business of GDRI.

Our Facebook page keeps growing in popularity – we have more than 450,000 followers! I don't know how our volunteers

keep up with the volume of messages and how they manage to keep it all together for us. It's truly remarkable.

See you all in June!

Sandy

Our dear friend Joyce

GDRI lost a dear friend and long-time volunteer. Joyce was an amazing woman who gave so much of her life to help danes and mastiffs in need. If you have ever been to a GDRI Fun Day, Joyce did our margarita bar the night before. She transported, fostered and was always willing to lead a hand or listening ear. She will be much missed and was one of a kind. Her likes we won't be fortunate enough to see again.

Please join us at Joyce's Margarita Bar on Friday night – we'll be toasting our very dear friend. (June 2)





The Reason (to you from all your rescue dogs)

I would've died that day if not for you.
I would've given up on life if not for your kind eyes.
I would've used my teeth in fear if not for your kind hands
I would have left this life believing that all humans don't care
Believing there is no such thing as fur that isn't matted
Skin that isn't flea bitten
Good food and enough of it
Beds to sleep on
Someone to love me
To show me I deserve love just because I exist.
Your kind eyes, your loving smile, your gentle hands
Your big heart saved me
You saved me from the terror of the pound
Soothing away the memories of my old life
You have taught me what it means to be loved
I have seen you do the same for other dogs like me
I have heard you ask yourselves in time of despair
Why you do it
When there is no more money,
no more room, no more homes
You open your heart a little bigger,
you stretch the money a little tighter
Make just a little more room...to save another just like me
I tell you with the gratitude and love that shines in my eyes
In the best way I know how
Reminding you why you go on trying
I am the reason
The dogs before me are the reason
As are the ones who come after
Our lives would have been wasted
Our love never given
We would die if not for you.

Author unknown



Champ



Bixley



Shorty

A letter to my best friend;

Saturday was a tragic day. It happened so suddenly. You were in so much pain. We drove so fast. You were such a brave boy. I was so frantic. You were so calm. Your life rested in my hands. I had to be your voice. I am so utterly sorry.

I wanted to tell you how much I love you... How much I appreciate all you did for me. Everything I asked of you... You made me so proud. How the last five years were some of the best in my life, we made the most fantastic memories together. How you will always be my favorite.

I wanted to thank you for being my shot gun rider, my daily hiking buddy no matter the weather, my partner in grime. Thank you for being so patient, for being so kind, for being a wonderful brother to the critters you left behind. Thank you for loving all of the clients and staff you met and the friendships you created at the Avalon and Bethsaida, they truly looked forward to your arrival every weekend. Thank you for standing by me through thick and thin, for being my rock, for being so loyal. Thank you for putting up with my antics, when dying/dressing you up for Halloween, the Doggles, the nail polish, the various coats and sweaters, the boots, the backpack, the cake smash's. Thank you for camping with me, for spending hours in a tent in the rain, for not judging me when I couldn't keep the fire lit, for being my tanning buddy,



Shorty

for listening to me read to you. Thank you for coming into my life, I am so utterly grateful we found each other. Thank you for being such a goofball, for making me laugh, for the way you sat on the couch or a lap, for how you could clear a room with your gas bombs, or for the day you ripped my pants. Thank you for squishing into the back seat of our two door car for your entire time with me. Thank you for accepting all of the animals I ever invited into our house, from critter sitting to rescues off the side of the road to friends to family to Hope, you were there for them all. Thank you for letting children ride you when I wasn't around to stop them. Thank you for antiquing with me, for the yard sales, for hitting the beaches, for spending hours in the car when on road trips to places like Vermont,

Ottawa and Quebec. Thank you for carrying my weight when I felt like I couldn't. Thank you for motivating me, for always being there. Thank you for coming to photo shoots and letting me pose you over and over again. Thank you for always being such a gentleman. Thank you for greeting me every day when I arrived home, you were such a forgiving soul. Thank you for protecting me. Thank you for being my snuggle buddy, for always being by my side. Thank you for all you have given me and all you have taken with you, you are unforgettable. If I could do it with you... We did it together.

I want you to know that I will take such good care of Lamby for you.

I want you to know how quiet it is in this house

now... and how much I hate it. How I can't bear to wash your drool off our walls, how I want nothing to do with our car. How I am afraid to empty the vacuum canister. How putting your possessions away are killing me. How the cats miss you like crazy. How it keeps snowing and your tracks are being covered up. How I worry so much about you... Not knowing where you are, if you're warm enough, if you've been fed and cared for. How five years was just not enough. How we weren't nearly done making memories. How I am having an enormously hard time understanding what happened. How I am truly not ready for such considerable loss, how I don't think I would ever be. How devastated I feel. How broken my heart is.

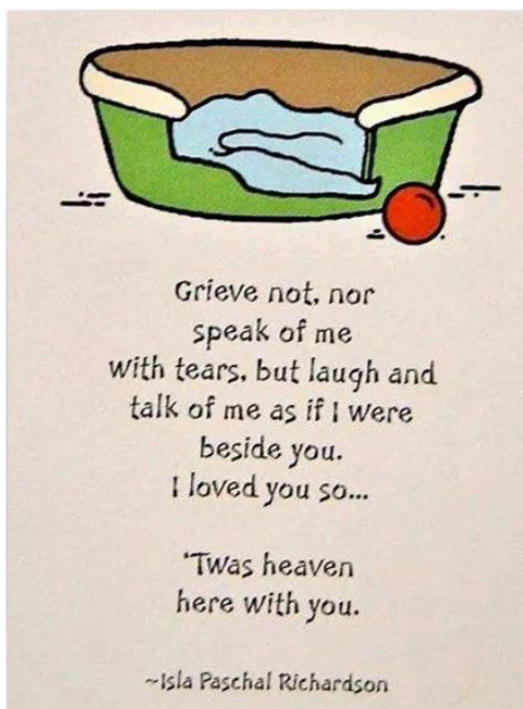


Gracie

I'm learning to smile through the days, but you know it's only pretend. I guess this is goodbye for now. I promise I'll see you again.

I will never forget you.
Rest in peace buddy.

XO Mom



Rest in Peace

- Olivia – Walker Family
- Jack – Mary Thorn
- Gracie – Terry & Marilyn Chadwick
- Chevelle – Lynn Irish
- Teddy – Chelsea Forrey
- Shorty – Christal Murdoch
- GiGi – Heather Braslawscce
- Zuri – Tammy Rahman
- Thor – Sue Purdom
- Layne Blue – Ian & Amanda Park

Shop to support Rescue

Have we got a deal for you! You can buy GREAT quality items and help support Great Dane Rescue, Inc. at the same time.

What a perfect combination - kind of like an adopted Dane and their new home.

Charity Wicks: The candles featured in this program include all-natural, vegan friendly, kosher, 100% soy wax candles with not added synthetic dyes. Every candle is hand-poured in Massachusetts and feature custom GDRI labels. We are offering six fragrances. Candles are sold individually or in four and six-packs. Prices start @ \$19.99. More info at: http://www.charitywicks.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc_c_1902.html



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