



# GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

April 2016

## Fun Day

Fun Day is being held on Saturday, June 4 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. Danes are very welcome, must be kept on leash and hopefully behave themselves.

For those from out of town we will have a block of rooms booked at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth MI. Call the hotel directly to make a reservation under the GDR1 block at 734-459-3300. 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. It's lots of fun so please come by for a drink.

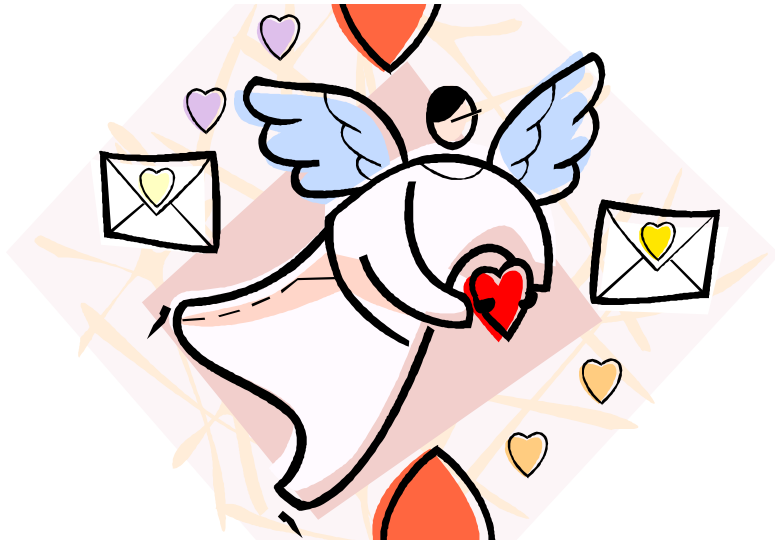
On Fun Day, we all head out to the park for about 10 am. We have games you can sign up for, raffles you can buy tickets for and stuff for sale and then there's the free LUNCH!!! It's always a good time. Make sure you bring your lawn chairs or a big blanket to hang out on.

More info available on our website: [greatdanerescueinc.com](http://greatdanerescueinc.com)



## Adoptions

- Abigail—Chris Burton
- Boone (aka Clyde)—Marie Naumann
- Parker—Lynn Irish
- Poe—Ron Hayes
- Agent—Linda Stuursma
- Jax—Dallas Willms
- Kobie—David Probst
- Lucifier (aka Louie)—Michael & Rachel Mraz
- Zuri—
- Obi—Phil & Robin Durham
- Ruca—Jenn & Ryan Ostergard
- Zeus—Lauren Huisingh
- Zanie—Angela Marczali
- Lady (aka Ivy)—Jennifer & Barry Fleming
- Raven—Kara Chiumento
- Marco (aka Rocco)—Cara McLogan
- Sookie—Debbiew Shutter
- Lucy—Laura Burton
- Diesel—Mary Krueger
- Thor—Sue Purdom
- Molly—Bobby & Kelli Wilmouth
- Raelyn—Cindy Mohacsi



## Our Angels

Kim Nimon to honor Andrea Ellinger's work as Editor of Human Resource Development Quarterly

Lee Ann Walker -

In loving memory of Harry C. Ahles

Yue Fan

Carol Lynn Chmielewski -

To honor Kelly Jo Wilmoth's birthday

Jan Roberts

Stephanie Bible -

In memory of Gunther

Sally Howe

Denise Kalwisinski -

In memory of Pam Lloyd

Audrey Cassidy -

In memory of Budd

Wendy Poplaskie

Cindy Buchanan -

In memory of Cecelia Barber

Deborah Brown -

In memory of Anne Seidel

Lee Ann Walker -

In memory of Joan Coval

Barbara Craven

Cynthia Hurst

Gen MacDonald

Harry Doyal -

In memory of Cecelia Barber

Lee Ann Walker -

In loving memory of Iva Lee Young

Wayne Salem

Petfinder

Cynthia Mohacsi -

Toni Morgan

In memory of Abby May Moo

Benefit Wines

Megan Courtney -

Brad & Jeanette Coval -

In memory of Sultan

In memory of Abby May Moo

Krogers

Linda Tartaglino & Jessee & Jaymee (Danes)

Jon Saffian

Tonya Demott

Ingrid & Don Boyd

Christie Mutti

Jerry Rollins

Angel Seafler

Carla Koty

Lisa Zapico

Paige & Sean

Cynthia Hurst

Linda Powell

Joanne Jennings

Heather Hudson -

Rosie Sosa

In memory of Haley Olmsted

Dena Becker

Janice Drake

Michael Alvey

Anna Gray

Lynne Delaney -

Robert Waddell for Wally & Clarice

In loving memory of Gidget

Ralph & Wilma Barber -

Mendala

In memory of Cecelia Barber

Kevin Davis

Dana Topping

John E. Johnson -

Charles Schwab Foundation

In memory of Haley Nicole Olmsted

Nathalie Galais

4 Weird Books

Booster Shirts

Mark & Anita Tuneff

Linda Record

Deborah Shutter and Emmit & Sookie (Danes)

Mark & Eileen Christianson -

To honor volunteer Cindy Christianson

Linda Tartaglino for Batman

Judith Julian

Jenny Bolsky

Janice Drake

Marianne Dunham

Alicia Mentz

Paul Dushane

Sherrie Smith

Jaskaran Singh

Chris Bolognese and Ivy (Dane)

Karen Bunting

Jenny Strickland

Martin Dominguez

Laura Rashidi-Yazd

Jill Gamble

Andrea Williams -

In the name of Davon Robb

Max Gresham

Lynn Delaney -

In memory of Lily Mendala

Michelle & Chris England

United Way

Melinda Rowe

Heather Pannell

Hillary Phelps

Sandra Wikstrom

Lesly Critton

William Cofer

Nancy Tascher

Kimberly Swett -

In Tyler Tinker's name

Chad Konkol

Richard Schoenfeld

Kimberly Swett -

In Dane Martin's name

Erika Burton

Jackie Davis

Christie Roe -

In memory of Delilah Belle & Flirt, my

sweet Dane girls

Kathleen Poelker

Kerrie Kessing

Marilyn Holcome & Guinness (Dane)

Dino Nesselrode

Heidi Raso

Audry Bell

Andrea Williams -

In loving memory of Jake Williams

Aaron Warner

Stephanie Holcomb

Melissa Derasmo

Gerrit Van Kempen

Brad & Jeanette Coval -

In memory of Cindy Mohacsi's Bruno

and Daphne

**A special thank you to all those who donated in memory of Elizabeth Sweet**

The Godwins

The Lawrences

The Kendricks

The Mills

The Hodges

The Bakers

The Dunkels

The Lauths

The Bridges

Tom Smith

Cheryl Flanagan

Kristee Gerstenberger

Debbie Martiny

**Thank you to Michelle England and our Arizona volunteers for working at the 2016 Holiday Pet Festival—sales and donations totalled \$300!**

**Ohio Great Dane Rescue:**

As a result of OGDR closing it's doors, the Board has voted and agreed to donate a portion of our financial assess to your Great Dane Rescue in hopes that it can be used to continue the work that we have dedicated ourselves to for the last 6 years. This money came to OGDR through donations and fundraising events from generous people who wanted to support Great Dane rescue and therefore we feel it is our duty to ensure that it does support this cause, even in our absence. It is our sincere hope that this enables you to continue to rescue and heal many more Great Danes as part of your mission.

## Rest in Peace

Duke—Peter Hopper

Harlow—West & Sarah Zartman

Hershey—Stan & Laura Turek

Budd—Ron & Erin Hayes

Sable—Christa Heggie

Kiros—Lynn Irish

Kiara & Duncan—April Makowski

Mischief—George Flamm

Bruno & Daphne—Cindy Mohacsi



Kiara

Do you know how hopeless and frustrating things can be? Let me give you a little insight...My handsome 165 pound Great Dane Duke passed away Saturday March 12th. Duke had taken twelve grand mal seizures along with eight petite seizures. I couldn't lift, carry, nor get him to the car as I was told it was up to me to bring him into the vets office. All I could do is make him comfortable and keep him clean. When you looked into his eyes that once used to be so alive and alert, you realized your best pal wasn't home. We found a clinic that was open on a Sunday and during this emotional time they couldn't have been any kinder while making arrangements for Duke. So, I guess what I am saying is to love your Dane every hour of every day. You never know how long you will have your best friend and pal. Love you Duke.

Your Dad,

Peter RW Hopper

On Monday, Ron and I and our vet made the decision that Budd's physical problems were causing Budd to suffer and it was time to let him go. We were blessed to have had the opportunity to give him a home for the last couple of years of his life. Thank you for your encouragement to add him to our family. We are all adjusting (including Koko and Shadrock) and I try to focus on the happy memories.

Erin and Ron and Koko, Shadrock and Nacho (the cat)

*From Jeanette Coval: Ron fell in love with Budd while transporting him and I can still remember the conversation he and I had about adding that third Dane to their home. I told him that more than likely, Budd would not be adopted due to his age at the time (I think he was around 8 years when he was surrendered by his owner). Too many people overlook the seniors and Budd was a very lucky fellow to wind up in such a fabulous and loving home.*

# Happy Tails



*Zoey & Bruno*

Very nice conversation with Nancy, who told me all about Zoey (was Mystery Louise) and Bruno's daily love-fest. They are the most bonded pair she's ever seen. They do everything together, including sleep. Bruno is a good boy out-and-about in the house (he's very panicked by a crate) but he's not perfect. He does get into things from time-to-time and they are considering re-introducing the crate (carefully and slowly) to reduce the destruction and to keep him safe. Obedience classes start at the beginning of the year. The Grandchildren have been visiting and Bruno has learned to follow them around....and the food will eventually fall.

We actually just realized that Guinevere will be a year old next week (going off vet records). She and I have half of our training classes done and we have successfully learned "sit", "lay", "lay and wait" in both touch and leading with treats. Besides that she is an excellent walker.

We also have socialized her with every size and shape dog on the planet! She is confident and independent in everything she does.

She has enjoyed the ice we got last week and every time she goes outside is a new adventure.

In October her skin began giving her problems. We took her to the vet immediately when we saw her bumps and noticed one eye was swollen. We went ahead and had a very thorough eye exam and learned that although her eyes are tiny and she is blind, she has very healthy eyes! The vet doesn't believe she will have any extra problems in the immediate future. We now have her allergies under control and we will re evaluate in the spring.

Guinevere has fit right in to our family. Her big dane brother often grooms her before bed and the two of them play until they exhaust themselves. She truly is her daddy's princess. She has her own twin bed and comforter in our room right beside our bed. She is growing faster than we could ever believe! She is such a leggy lady. It's been amazing watching her grow and learn. She is, especially compared to our other dane, a very smart girl. She doesn't know a stranger and can find anything she wants when she wants it. She's a very special girl.



*Guinevere*

*Mandy & Josh*



*Delores Carter is one of our wonderful foster moms and a member of the Board. Delores always writes fabulous pupdates—a weekly update on the life of a Dane while in our care. The following are some excerpts from Boone’s pupdates.*

## Boone

“Hello. I’m Boone. Foster mom says I’m a big, goofy, clumsy puppy. I am not. I’m a mighty....a mighty...a mighty squeaky monster defender! I’m a super hero. That’s right, I spend my days defending the hearth and home from those dastardly squeaker monsters. They’re everywhere, lurking about, just waiting to attack. And when one of the squeaker monsters attack one of my foster sisters I’m right there, pulling the wretched thing out of their mouths and getting it away from them as fast as I can. My foster sisters and brother are S-A-F-E!” ~Boone

“The world is vast and full of danger. That’s where I come in. I’m the Boone. And I’m here to protect those I love from ....S.O.C.K.S. Last week I rid the world of squeakers. I thought my work was done. Then there was the sock invasion. Not to worry, I have things under control (mostly). No S.O.C.K is safe when I’m around. I can find even the cleverest of the S.O.C.K. invaders. None can escape the Boone.” ~Boone, Defender of the Universe

“I was kidnapped last week. Probably by stealth sock forces. Foster mom fell into their trap. I’m certain she was hypnotized or drugged, as she would not willingly let them take me. I willed her with my mind to come for me and she did - finally. I woke up feeling strange, like I was missing something important, like part of me was missing. And there was....the monsters took my testicles! It’s an outrage!” ~Boone

“A new week....and still evil lurks everywhere – my job is never done. But how do I make the chief understand just how dangerous the world is??? She called me into headquarters several times this week to “talk”. The chief is under the misconception that the books on the shelf are on our side. But she is misguided. Evil lurks in the heart of those books.” ~Boone

“My super secret agent license has been revoked. The chief, in my professional opinion, has succumbed to work related stress. I suggested that she take a few days off, maybe get some counseling. She threatened to put me in jail. Appalling! For now, I am exploring alternative professions. I’m fascinated by both botany and culinary arts. Lavender, a tree sapling branch and basil are not only interesting specimens, but also make a tasty snack. The head gardener was not as pleased with with either my botany or culinary skills. I think human females may not truly be able to appreciate my inner charm.” ~Boone

“With a big heart and much love I said goody-bye to the chief and my colleagues. I’m a better dog and a super secret agent after knowing them. But it was time for me to go. I’m on a new adventure. I have a new chief (previous GDRI adopter, Marie Naumann) and new evil to detect and neutralize. Thank you to the organization (GDRI) for recruiting me into the service, preparing me for adventures, and sending me to a permanent assignment.” ~Secret Agent Boone



## Sandy's Spot

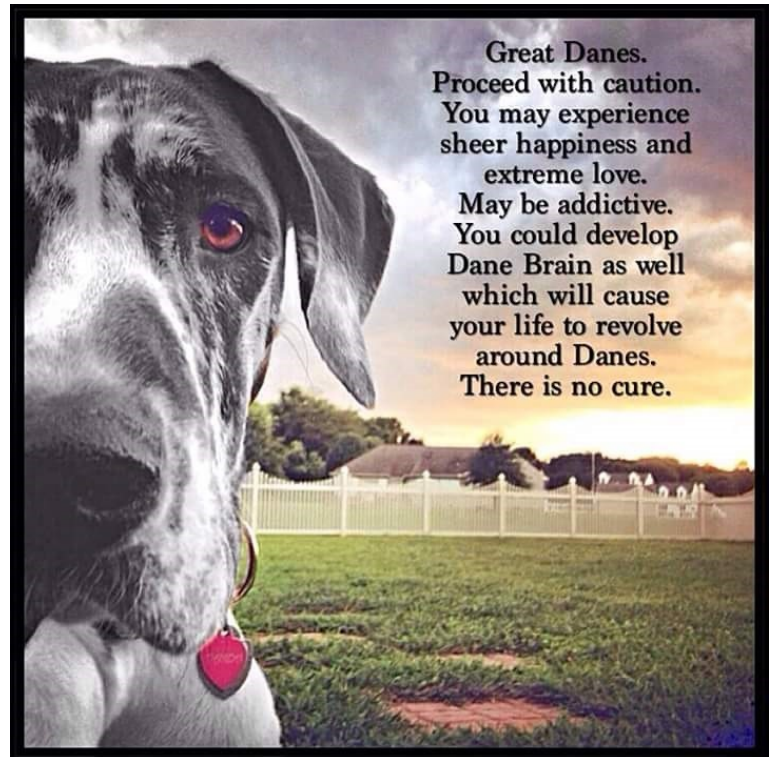
Your donations help ensure every Great Dane in our care receives the medical care that they need. Last year, we spent more than \$45,000 in medical expenses to treat everything from heartworm for several Danes, surgery for Monty's hermaphrodite structure, Bentley's Addison's Disease, Cooper's FCE, Marco's allergies, Zeus's parvo, not to mention, all of the basic updates of shots, heartworm testing and prevention, spays, neuters, etc. And we could not do all of this without your help. I look at the number of donations (Our Angels) and I'm astounded and thankful for your generosity.

We've had a busy winter—lots of Danes in and happily adopted. There never seems to be a shortage of Danes needing our help. If you've ever thought that fostering was something that you would like to do, we are always looking for new homes. Be warned though—it's tough work and can be heartbreaking.

I saw this quote on Facebook and I thought that it describes exactly how we all feel about rescue: *In rescuing animals, I lost my mind but found my soul.*

Fun Day is coming up fast. I can't wait to see everyone. If you haven't been to Fun Day, you should try to come. It's like a family reunion with 60 or 70 Great Danes! Our volunteers and their Danes come from all over and stay the weekend. Our adopters come with their Danes—foster families get to see just how happy their foster pups are in their new homes. There are Dane games, lunch provided by us (as a thank you for all of your support), lots of laughs and a fabulous raffle.

Thank you all—donors, adopters and volunteers—for everything that you do for our Danes.



Sandy

## Shop and support GDRI

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**Amazon Smile:** When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://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>

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