

Great Dane Rescue Inc

# Great Dane Rescue Report

CHRISTMAS 2013

## Every Dane deserves a Christmas

Our donations help us make sure that every Dane in our care has a Christmas. One hundred percent of your donation is spent saving Danes. 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 so 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/)



## Adoptions

Bruno - Sharlene Tygeson & Chris Keenan

Bo - Valerie Rudgers

Athena - Susan Harter

Charlie Girl - Bret & Emily Handelman

Axle - Denise & Sean Murphy

Brady - Ed Espinosa

Henry - Debbie & Stuart Ruffley

Cooper - Kevin Miller & John Henry Middleton

Ferdinand - Serena Alicea

Duke - Jamie Rickert

Annabella - Jamie Clingerman

Darla Rose - Joanna Alspaugh

Kaos - Tracy Peirce

Delilah - Stephen Gross & Kelly Sudsbury

Wendy - Katie Greene

Zane - Amy Wilkins & Jason Dunaham

Stevie - Laura Fraser

Yang - Jody Moon

Shamus - Angelica Macias

Junior - Michele Humanick

Jack (aka Jordan) - Jan Alm

Star - Sara Demmon

Ozzy - Agata Voliers

Kramer - Kelsey & Siva Chinnadurai

Apollo - Alice Leite

Stella - Sunny Sjaarda

Millie - Cindy Mohacsi

Patches - Cheryl & Daniel Hackett

Spartacus - Lou Probst

Dewey - Jackie Fuller

Duke - Jenny Gubler

Chance - Michelle & Rahul Sharma

Kramer - Kelsey & Siva Chinnadurai

Achilles - Joanna Adamczyk

Sarge - Jamie Szopa

Karly Richer - Peanut



## Our Angels

Abbott Labs  
Karen Graham  
Sharlene Tygeson  
Private Foundation  
Cynthia Mohacsi  
Cheryl LaCasa  
Venita Lawyer  
North Side Elementary  
School Staff Fund in  
memory of Sonny Barnett  
JoAnne Barnett  
Ellen Taylor  
Mary Hutchens  
Café Press  
Lisa Hong  
John Mendel  
Jill Gamble in memory of  
Belle  
Barbara Berger  
Kroger Community Fund  
Don and Ingrid Body in  
memory of Riley and Lexi  
Bryce & Lora Sorenson in  
honor of Carley Gillette  
Kuranda Beds  
Darcy Grosjean

Masco Grants (Jason  
Connelly)  
Kim Reger  
Deborah Kennedy  
Sherrie Smith  
Mary Seals  
Lisa Klein  
Cyndi Ex in memory of  
Libby  
Amanda Dankoff (Baker  
College Vet Tech  
program)  
Amy Hutchinson  
Courtney Steenbeke  
Ed Hick  
Paulette Martini  
Jake Rashkow  
Michele & Chris England  
GDCA  
Wnetrzak Family  
Elsa Stone in memory of  
Vladimir Pelligrini  
Brad & Jeanette Coval in  
memory of Lexi  
Stacey Smith  
Susan Sipult

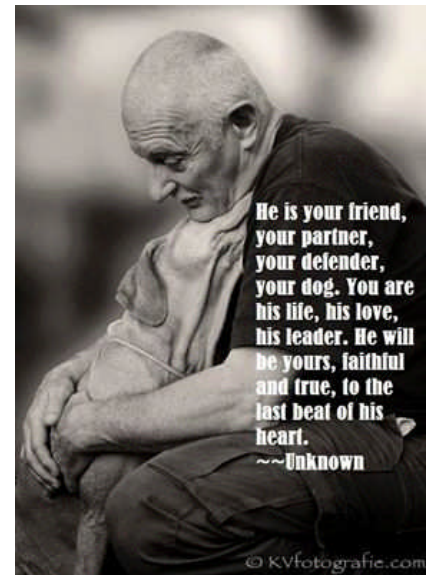
Kim Weeks  
Lesley Critton  
Linda Mulder, in memory  
of Logan  
Rachel Perusse  
Lee Ann Walker

### In memory of Melanie Barley:

Tom Barley  
St. Vincent-Jennings  
Hospital  
The Cowles  
Robert Beasley  
RBSK Partners  
Jon & Julie Webster  
Kevin Preuss & Lisa  
Duret  
Mike & Rebecca Irons

## At the Rainbow Bridge

Marley - Judith Doth  
Belle - Jill Gamble  
Bibi - Meagan Hoover  
Zoey - Jill Abramowitz  
Princess - Ken Rockett  
Kenny (aka Black Jack) - Nick Hall  
Cheyenne - Cheryl Paxton  
Willow - Ashley & Damon Krueger  
*We're so very sorry for your loss.*



He is your friend,  
your partner,  
your defender,  
your dog. You are  
his life, his love,  
his leader. He will  
be yours, faithful  
and true, to the  
last beat of his  
heart.  
~Unknown

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# Sandy's Spot

I saw this on Facebook and thought that I would share it with you - I think it gives you a good idea of all that goes into rescuing a Dane. We don't kennel our Danes - they are all home fostered but otherwise, it's a fairly accurate representation of the costs involved. And, of course, I couldn't agree more - saving a life and getting a new friend is priceless.

It is so hard to believe that another year has come and gone - it was our 20th anniversary as a rescue organization. It amazes me that we're still here! I know that I didn't think this far into the future when I started out with Linda Dalton all those years ago. We've grown into one of the largest and oldest Dane rescues in the U.S. - and it goes without saying that we couldn't have done it without you - our volunteers, our adopters and our donors. Thank you all for everything that you do. You all make it possible for us to carry on.

We've had many special Danes through rescue this year - truth be told, I think they are all special! Two in particular come to mind - Kramer is a young Dane and somehow in his short life, his leg was broken and not set properly. He walks with a pronounced limp (can't bend his rear leg) but he doesn't let it slow him down one bit. He's a charmer that little boy.

And Chance - Chance came into rescue with a horrific injury to his neck. His collar had literally grown into his skin and had to be cut out. Through it all, he never lost his ability to love and trust. Both have recently been adopted and are well on their way to living the lives they were meant to have. There are so many stories that I could share about these Danes that we save but I think our adopters tell it best. Please take a moment to read some of our happy endings in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your support and please remember us this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and all the best in 2014,

Sandy



**A Rescue Dog's True Cost!**

	<b>Kenneling</b> \$200 a month		<b>Vaccinations &amp; Testing</b> \$100 plus
	<b>Dental</b> (if needed) \$250 plus		<b>Transport</b> \$125 or more
	<b>Spay/Neutering</b> \$100 plus		<b>Grooming</b> \$45
	<b>Preventatives</b> \$25 (Flea, Heart, etc.) a month		<b>Rescue's Cost</b> \$600/\$900
<b>Saving a Life &amp; getting a new best friend... Priceless!</b>			<b>Adoption Fee</b> only \$300

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## Chilly Dogs

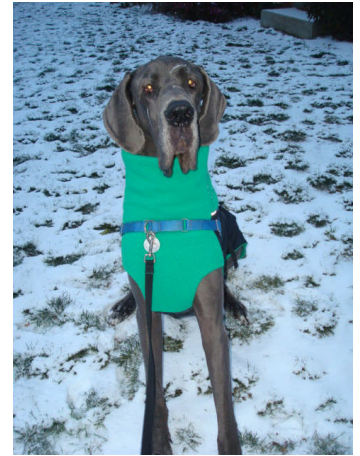
With the cold weather coming please remember that we have a great program with Chilly Dogs (<http://www.chillydogs.ca>). We have been very fortunate that they continue to support us and allow us a significant portion of each of your purchases. If you are interested in getting your pooch a coat this winter please think of us! All orders must be made through [gdrifundraising@gmail.com](mailto:gdrifundraising@gmail.com). In other words, we will not be given credit for orders made directly through Chilly Dogs.



If you are interested please go to the Chilly Dog website and check out all of their amazing products and color availability. To order send an e-mail to [gdrifundraising@gmail.com](mailto:gdrifundraising@gmail.com) with the following information:

- a) style of coat
- b) color
- c) size (please make sure you measure your dog properly and send only the jacket size needed, e.g. XL 32", refunds and exchanges are not available)

All orders will be paid in Canadian Funds and shipping is additional. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [gdrifundraising@gmail.com](mailto:gdrifundraising@gmail.com).



## Stocking Stuffers

Looking for a stocking stuffer for a Dane-lover? GDRI has a great line of merchandise for the most discerning of Dane-lovers:

- 2014 GDRI Calendar is now available and features our rescued Danes
- T-shirts - a complete line of T-shirts in all sizes
- Wine glasses - white and red stemless wine glasses etched with the silhouette of a Great Dane
- Car magnets

All pricing includes shipping and we ship to anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

[greatdanerescueinc.com/shop](http://greatdanerescueinc.com/shop)

## Beau

Hey GDRI! We wanted to share this story with you. This is Beau (formerly Winston...) who we adopted in August 2010 from GDRI. Beau (and his adopted sister Cara, formerly Carmel) are pretty popular in Brockville Ontario. Our local high school called my parents last week and asked if Beau would give kisses to the principal as an incentive to have the kids raise more than 1500 dollars for Terry Fox. They surpassed this goal and yesterday Beau honored his

promise, very happily. This picture was in our local paper today. We thought you would enjoy seeing a former rescue pup, we also wanted to say hi to Beau's foster parents Amanda and Ian and thank all the GDRI volunteers for all the work they do, and for bringing such a great big boy into our lives!

*Kaitlyn McIntyre*





## Happy Endings

Things are going great. One big happy family. **Wesley** has gained confidence and I believe he realizes he is finally home. He isn't afraid of anything, and his 'handicap' doesn't limit him in the least. Wesley 'found' a snapping turtle in the backyard a while back. It was a mamma and she was building a nest to lay her eggs in. (I am sure she thought she'd found the perfect spot, safe inside this nice fenced area . . . ). I have yet to figure out how she got IN there. So he is out there barking. Odd. Look out, can tell there is SOMETHing in the yard - no clue what it could be. Out we go with the flashlight and his leash. Huge snapping turtle.

OMG. Of course nothing stops this little boy and he is just giving her the what for. Well, I am sure at this point she feels ambushed. So she gives it right back. On the nose. He cried. We put the shovel in front of her, got Wesley leashed up and inside with the other 2. And then went "Now what?!" Lol. She was bigger than a 5 gallon bucket (around). But we had a square one that worked. I held it in front of her while Jamie scooped her in. Took her down to the creek and re-homed her. She was not thrilled. I wish I had had my phone. It was definitely picture worthy. Luckily Wes came away with just barely a

scrape on the tip of his nose. I told him he was dang lucky!! Of course he went right back out there, looking for her. Everyday is a joy, and we look forward to enjoying them together for a longing time. Can't wait to get the 2014 calendar, Wes is in June :)

Jackie



Wesley

I can't believe it's been almost a year since **Duke** came to live with us! He has definitely come out of his shell immensely since then. He used to be so quiet, timid, and was afraid of the littlest things. Now, he's the first one barking when we get home, plays with toys,

and is much braver than before (except when it comes to storms). He had his annual vet appointment recently and gained about 13 pounds in the last year. Duke has been a great addition to our family, and I'm very glad that our first Dane experience was with

him. It's hard to believe that anyone would have wanted to give him up, but their loss has definitely been our gain!

Jamie

*"It's so hard to believe that anyone would have wanted to give him up!"*

Really hard to believe that it will be 3 months (December 7th) that we received **Bruno** from GDR. He will celebrate his 1st birthday on December 7th. We have one class left of a 6 week obedience training and then in the new year we are registered for recall training. He is an awesome student and together we have learned so much. When we have mastered those classes we hope to join the Great Dane Meet up group here in

Toronto. While Penny (our miniature pincher) who is 11 and not particularly thrilled with the new member she doesn't yell at him anymore and he really has respect for her. Bruno loves his play dates with Shumka (our friend's husky) which take place in our big backyard and the other day on our walk he met a cute little black lab puppy named Boss, he was so gentle with and had such a good time hanging out with. Bruno is

adjusting really well to our daily routine, we got him a thunder shirt and at first when my partner said he got it I must admit I laughed: you paid how much for what??? I shall eat my words Bruno loves it and the only time he wears it is when we leave and when I go to get it in the morning he sits patiently to have it put on. He has been great with our 10 year old and her friends, loves the rides in our CRV - jumps in the back, wants

windows down and sits for us to put his leash on to get back out of the truck. GDR thank you so much for bringing this beautiful boy into our lives. To all of you at GDR thank you again "it takes a village" and there were so many of you involved right across the border.

*Much love from Shar, Chris and Keelan*



## Fort Wayne Pet Expo

I wanted to let you know how the weekend at the Fort Wayne Pet Expo went last weekend. Joanne Barnett donated so much time and money into this great event and she is the main reason it was so successful. Joanne set up the booth on Friday, worked the show Saturday and Sunday, and also disassembled the booth when it was over. She also bought and donated many great items that increased the merchandise sale by quite a bit. She also paid for the double booth, which I believe was

\$150. I thought \$150 of our profits should go back to her, but she said that was her donation since she isn't able to help much in transports and/or fostering due to her husband's health. I worked the show Saturday, but was not able to on Sunday, so Joanne's sister came with her to help. And I have to say, you need at least 2 people to man the booth for this busy event. Not only did we make money, but we also made some good relations and maybe getting one or two transport volunteers around

our area and we had a good time together doing something we both love - helping our Danes in need. Together we raised \$622.69.

Beth Myers

*Editor's Note: Thank you to all of our volunteers - we couldn't do it without you!*

### Santa Paws is coming to town!

Get your pet portraits taken by Liz Young Photography.

Saturday, December 7  
9 - 11 a.m.  
Hollywood Feed  
2800 Cahaba Village Plaza  
Ste 210  
Mountain Brook, AL  
Phone: 205-977-9300



Beth was our honorary Dane at the Pet Expo!



## Benefit Wines

GDRI has teamed up with Benefit Wines in a new fundraising initiative. Six wines are available - Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot and Pinot Noir - all under our very own label - Great Dane Grapes. The wine labels feature some of our rescued Danes.

Wines can be ordered online and will be shipped anywhere in the U.S. Sorry, no shipping to Canada at this time.

A portion of all sales will come to GDRI.

The wines would make a unique Christmas gift - you can even pair the wines with our etched Great Dane wine glasses!

To order wine:

[www.BenefitWines.com/gdr](http://www.BenefitWines.com/gdr)

To order wine glasses:

[www.greatdanerescueinc.com/shop/glassware.html](http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/shop/glassware.html)



## Arizona Pub Crawl

June 1st, Arizona Great Dane Rescue Inc. put the fun into fundraiser with our First Annual Pub Crawl! This event went through four local Phoenix Bars, all of whom graciously offered drink and food specials as well as donating gift cards to our raffles! A special thank you to Robbie Fox's Public House, Canteen Modern Tequila, The Handlebar, and Tavern on Mill for being such fabulous hosts! A special thank you to Ed Hick Design for doing

such an outstanding job on our t-shirt design! Thank you also to our amazing and enthusiastic supporters! All participants had an exciting time bidding for amazing raffle prizes including Visa, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, MasterCard, and restaurant gift cards. Crawling went well into the night as participants danced and had special "Great Dane shots" to wrap things up at Tavern on Mill. In one evening we were able to raise over \$1,200 for Danes in need all

while having a wonderful time with friends! We can't wait to organize our next pub crawl and are looking to integrate the Phoenix Lightrail System this time around!

Lyndsey



## Letter to Santa from a Shelter Dog

Dear Santa Claws,

This week, Dad put my leash on me, and got my fleecy blue sheep, and put us in his car and brought us to this strange place. He gave me to a lady here, who brought me back to a concrete run with chain-link fence walls, and stainless steel bowls of food and water, and a dog bed. The lady put me in here and closed the gate. And then my Dad went out to his car and got in and *drove away without me*. I could not believe it!

There are a bunch of other dogs of all kinds and sizes in this place, staying in runs just like mine. Some are just puppies, and some are really old, a few are sick or hurt, and some are kind of wild and a little scary, but a lot of them are just regular, nice

dogs like me. Some of the dogs cry all the time, or bang on their gates, or pace in their runs, or just sit and stare, and the baby puppies huddle up together on their beds and whimper or sleep. Even with lots of other dogs nearby, I'm lonely and afraid, and this place smells like pee, and like fear, even though the people clean it a lot. I am glad I have my fleecy blue sheep that you brought me last year, but I miss my family really bad.

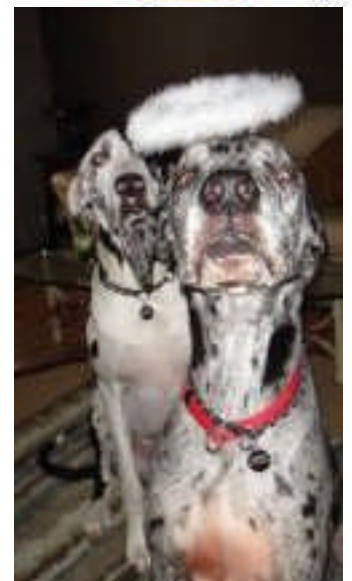
Sometimes, a kennel person comes and takes away one of the dogs on a leash. Sometimes, the dog who leaves goes out the front door after a while, and gets into a car with a new person! That's what I want! But sometimes they walk back to a gray door at the far end of the dog runs. The dog and

the person go in, but only the person comes out. I am afraid I might have to go through that door. Santa, I don't want to!

Santa, I don't think my Mom and Dad are coming back to get me. Could you please bring me the one thing I really need for Christmas: a new human to love me and give me a home? Santa, if you are looking for a loving dog, I could even come home with you. Could you bring all these other dogs here some new people, or something nice to make them feel better, too?

I love you, Santa Claws.  
Thank you.  
*Merry Christmas*

*Excerpts from The Crass  
Menagerie Blog by  
Ellen H. Graben*







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## Twass the night before Christmas

And all through the house, not a creature was stirring  
even the Dane on the couch  
The stockings were hung so frickin' high in the air  
In the hopes that our Dane couldn't get them up there  
The neighbors were nestled feeling safe in their beds  
While visions of big Danes zoomed in their heads  
With gizzards and chicken and bones going SNAP  
The Dane hovered dinner and prepared for a nap  
When out from the crate there arose such a clatter  
The Dane had to go out and empty his bladder  
Up from the floor he flew like a flash  
He tore out the door and peed on the grass  
He stood there so tall with big head and lips

He blocked out the moon like a total eclipse  
When what to my wondering eye should appear  
But a miniature sleigh and 8 tiny reindeer  
With a little old driver so lively and quick  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick  
I yelled to the Dane "quick come in Rover"  
He ran up the stairs and knocked me right over!  
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof  
the prancing and pawing of each little hoof  
I got off the floor and held tight to my head  
I looked to the chimney with a feeling of dread  
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot  
I had concern for St. Nick so I put him at sit  
St. Nick turned around and said "HOLY SHIT"  
The bundle of toys he dropped at his feet,  
He said "OMG, what does he eat?"  
"That must be a horse or some form of cattle,  
let me look in my bag and find you a saddle!"

I explained to Santa he was a Great Dane  
A very big dog with a really small brain.  
Santa got on his knees and broke a big rule  
Before I could stop him, he was covered in drool  
"He wouldn't bite, not even a robber"  
Santa said okay, but was covered in slobber  
Santa laid on the floor all covered in jowls  
I ran to the kitchen to grab him some towels.  
Santa said "It's Okay, I am no cleaner,  
What a cute Dane, but BOY what a leaner!"  
We helped Santa up, with his bag made of silk  
while the Dane ate the cookies and knocked over the milk!  
He jumped back up, as if preparing to flee  
He pulled out the presents to chuck at the tree  
He backed up the chimney in a bright flash of red  
I ran to my room, Rover beat me to bed!  
We heard him mumble as he flew out of site  
"That guys' really nice but his Dane's just not right!"

Lisa D.