

**Important! This will be the last printed edition of Great Dane Rescue Report. We will continue to make this publication available online and will promote its availability on the website and on our Facebook page.**



# GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

December 2017

## Christmas donations

Every year in this newsletter, we tell you about our rescuing efforts and how much we count on your donations. This year is no exception. You're all Dane lovers and are well aware of what it costs to feed and vet your Dane – now imagine multiplying that by 50 or 60 Danes! Quite simply, we could not do what we do without your support. One hundred percent of all of the money we receive in donations is spent on our Danes. All of our volunteers are exactly that – volunteers.



So here we are again asking you to support us during our Christmas donation drive. Please dig deep and help us continue to help them. We know you would agree that every Dane deserves a Christmas.



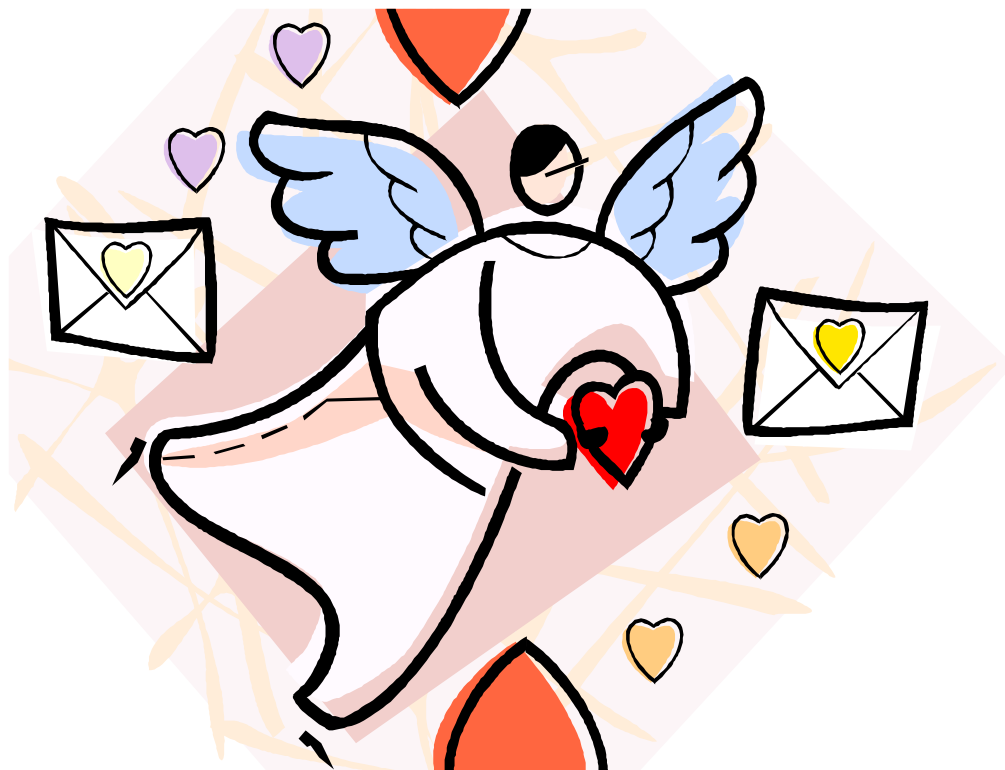
## Adoptions

- Lola – Amanda Murphy
- Savanna – Aleeda Lipocky
- Letty – Renea & Scott Finlay
- Sparkle (Splash) – McKenzie & Brian Marker
- Jessie – Linda & Rich Gates
- Magnus – Lyndsey & Chris Bennett
- Beamer – Ronnie & Amy Morton
- Emma – Christine Montgomery
- Thor – Terri & Scott McKale
- Mabel – Ian Park & Amanda Ruthven
- Xena – Mark Petro
- Dooley – April Makowski
- Pig – Eric Hunger
- Finn – Jessica Sanchez
- Lucy – Richard Hollar
- Lolita – Marilyn & Terry Chadwick
- Ellie – Connie & Steve Pocock
- Rey – Jeana Nolan
- Remarkable – Tim Spehar & Brigitte Babin
- Lolita – Terry & Marilyn Chadwick



## Our Angels

- Richard & Deborah Goddard in memory of Caesar Giovannini
- Richard L. Balsley
- Teespring
- United Way of NW Michigan
- Petfinder Foundation
- Ingrid & Don Boyd
- Caitlyn Reid
- Carla Koty
- Booster LLC
- Benefit Wines
- Charity Wicks
- Pet Fusion
- Cindy Weinman in honor of Sky Weinman
- Jeffrey & Elissa Geller for Lola
- Renee Hanson in memory of Savanna
- Dianne Applehans
- Janice Drake
- Irene Wee
- April Hall
- Jesse Olson
- Christopher Turpen
- Aurora Dobbs
- Truist
- Rosie Sosa
- Amanda Johnson – Happy Birthday Chris
- Cate Conroy
- Krogers
- Rhonda Seidel
- Mark Foltz



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| • J.W. Parroccini                                   | of Jessica Butler                            |
| • Jose Macias                                       | • Kim Reger                                  |
| • Kathleen Joyce                                    | • Angelica Macias in memory of Seamus        |
| • R.H. Dudley Nurseries in memory of Jessica Butler | • Corinne Janoska in memory of Susan Robbins |
| • Joyce Brasher in memory of Jessica Butler         | • Lee Ann Walker                             |
| • Cameron Askew in memory of Jessica Butler         | • Kurt Bickler in memory of Susan Robbins    |
| • Lisa Hinds in memory of Jessica Butler            | • Becky Peters in memory of our friend Bessa |
| • Sherri Hurst in memory of Jessica Butler          | • Rosie Sosa                                 |
| • David Florine in memory of Jessica Butler         | • John Drake in memory of JoJo               |
| • Cindy Shaffer in memory of Jessica Butler         | • Christine Nicoletti in memory of Leo       |
| • Lindsay Mercer in memory                          | • Debra Allen as a thank you for Jan Drake   |

## Rescue Dog

Now that I have arrived at your home  
 everything is strange and I am anxious  
 Do not be impatient if I do not sleep in my new  
 basket, yesterday I slept in a shelter  
 Do not be terrified if I guard my food and gobble it  
 up, yesterday I did it to survive  
 Do not get angry if I pee in the house,  
 yesterday it did not matter  
 Do not be sad if I shy away from your loving hand,  
 yesterday it was a rarity that someone caressed  
 me and before that most hands  
 reached out to hurt me  
 Have patience with me,  
 it's your world but not yet mine  
 If I trust you I will give you the greatest gift I can  
 give, my heart  
 Please give me time

*Anonymous*

## Disaster prep checklist for pets

Lately it seems that all areas of the country are experiencing weather-related events that require evacuation. Keeping these pet-related items on hand, ideally in a waterproof bag or backpack, means you'll have the essentials ready to go if you



need to evacuate quickly with your pet. Always remember that if staying put is not safe for you, it's not safe for your pet.

- Food and water for at least five days for each pet, along with bowls and can opener if needed
- A pet first-aid kit, medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container or bag

- For cats, a litter box, litter, scooper and garbage bags
- Sturdy leashed, harnesses and carriers to transport pets safely, and blankets or towels if your pet needs extra warmth
- Your pets' collars and up-to-date identification information
- Photos of you with your pets and descriptions of them in case you get separated.
- Information about your pets' feeding schedules, medical conditions and behaviour issues, along with contact information for your veterinarian

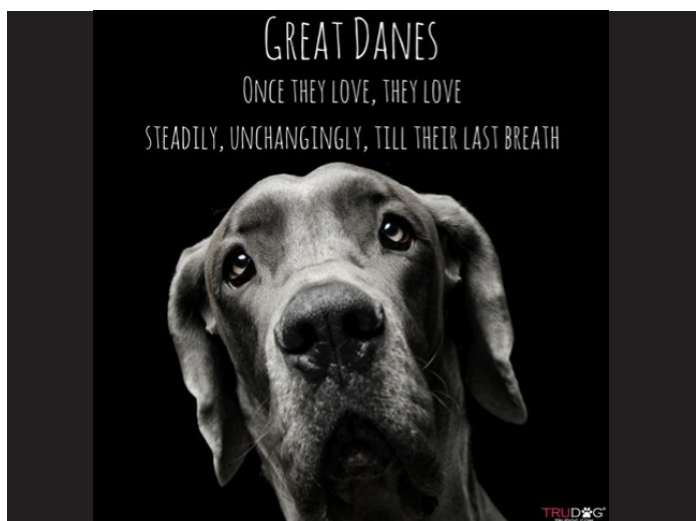
## A tribute

- **Koko** – Erin & Ron Hayes
- **Gracie** – Ingrid & Don Boyd
- **Cara** – Scott & Debbie McIntyre
- **Zeus** – Lynn Irish
- **Bentley** – Amy & Jeremey Williams
- **Hemi** – Matt & Aimee Moulder
- **Zeus** – Brian & Jake Kennedy
- **Prada** – Lyndsey & Chris Bennett



**Koko**





## Zeus

We are very sad and broken hearted to report to the group that our permeant foster Zeus has left us to begin his new journey on the other side of the rainbow bridge.

He came to us a little over three years ago at almost 10 years old. His owners didn't have time for him anymore. He pooped in the house when everyone was at work (they were gone for at least eight hours) especially if there was a thunderstorm. He was terrified of them. When we got him, he was in dire need of pain meds for his arthritis and he needed several teeth pulled because they were broken or had exposed roots. We fostered him and took care of all his health issues and he was a great dog.

Someone missed out on wonderful Dane. It was our pleasure though, to know and care for him. He was by far the easiest dog to have. He would follow us on our walks and didn't need a leash. And he loved his walks. Because Zeus had bad arthritis, he ran with stiff back legs and when he went up the hill in our yard he resembled a rocking horse making small strides up the hill. His buddy was Clementine. She looks just like him only about six inches shorter. Zeus always

followed her around and did whatever she was doing. They were always together.

Zeus would have been 13 years old on September 13th.

Godspeed little Zeus.

*Lynn Irish*

## Bentley

We unfortunately lost our boy Bentley yesterday afternoon. Bentley was Amy's soul dog and he had quite the journey to, away, and back to us as his forever home. There were so many things about Bentley and his story where the punchline is, "it was meant to be", and we'll forever miss him.

For those that may not remember, Bentley originally came into rescue as a Craigslist dog - he had who knows how many owners as a young pup, and finally someone picked him up off of craigslist to surrender him to GDRI. We remember picking Bentley up from Cindy as she helped with the transport of him, and on our way home to IL from MI with him, we decided to stop off at a you-pick Blueberry farm. Bentley was such a good boy, he loved walking through the farm with us and was the sweetest boy - it was our first experience with how special he truly was. After we fostered Bentley for a while, he was placed with a couple where he stayed for about a year and a half, and then they returned him to rescue as he had a penchant for giving chase to smaller dogs (which were plentiful in the couple's retirement community).

When Bentley came back into rescue, we welcomed him back to our home - even though we had moved in between, Bentley and our boxer (Madison) quickly picked up where they



left off - playing and romping through the yard - happy as could be. Shortly after coming back to us, Bentley developed MegaE, and we battled with the treatment and management of MegaE for a few months - but what felt like eternity. We went through all the usual struggles of Mega, but Bentley continued to struggle and despite our persistence, he continued to lose weight. Amy knew that something else was wrong with Bentley and through a myriad of tests and the unwavering support of this group, we finally discovered that he had Atypical Addison's - his body didn't produce Cortisol and he was unable to cope with just about any stressor. The treatment was simple enough (low-dose of prednisone), and shortly after going onto the pred., Bentley made a miraculous recovery - he put on the 50/60lbs he had lost battling MegaE, and the MegaE reversed itself and he was back to being able to eat and drink normally. He was our miracle dog, and shortly thereafter we formally adopted Bentley. He continued to be the happiest boy you could imagine - he was our velcro-pup, and when the other dogs were off doing their own thing, Bentley would be there right by our side (pushing his butt towards us for a good rub).

A couple weeks ago we tweaked Bentley's pred. dosing to see if he would tolerate a slightly lower dose as a means of managing Cushing's- the tweaking of this was a bit rough as Bentley began to show some signs of Addison's again, though it was correctable by re-upping his dose of pred. However, he had a restless night Saturday evening, he didn't sleep and wouldn't lay down for very long - a dose of pred. seemed to help him relax for a bit, but he still didn't sleep at all through the night. Yesterday morning we took him to the vet to try to figure out what was wrong with his Addison's - since so many of his symptoms were like when he was going through his addisonian crisis before - we thought for sure that the

MegaE was returning as so many of the symptoms were the same. We would find out after chest X-rays that Bentley's esophagus was fine, but that his heart was dilated - he was in late-stage congestive heart failure, and fluid was already in his lungs. The symptoms of CHF and Addison's are so similar, we had no idea he even had any other issues outside of Addison's which we were managing. We started aggressive treatment to help Bentley from all angles - to help him breathe easier, get his heart pumping a bit more effectively, and to make him a bit more comfortable. He did well on the treatment but suddenly took a turn for the worse, the disease (which we had just learned about hours ago) had progressed too far, and Bentley passed yesterday afternoon.

To say that we are devastated is an understatement - few outside of this group likely understand the impact of losing a Dane like Bentley - he was our friend, our most loyal companion, and the sweetest boy. He came to us, left for a bit, and came back home to us - everything he did it was as if it were meant to be... I don't believe there are many people out there with Amy's persistence to know that Bentley's MegaE had an underlying cause - and she stuck it out for him, as his advocate, to get him better again. And throughout all of his challenges, his personality was always there - loving, goofy, and loyal... From him always wanting to sit RIGHT where you were sitting (but hey, sitting on you works too), to his low growls when he was tired as his way of saying, "This is how I tell you I'm tired and would just like a belly rub"... We'll remember so much about him, words simply cannot do it justice.

We miss you Bentley and we always will.

*Jeremy and Amy*



## Happy Tails

### Finn

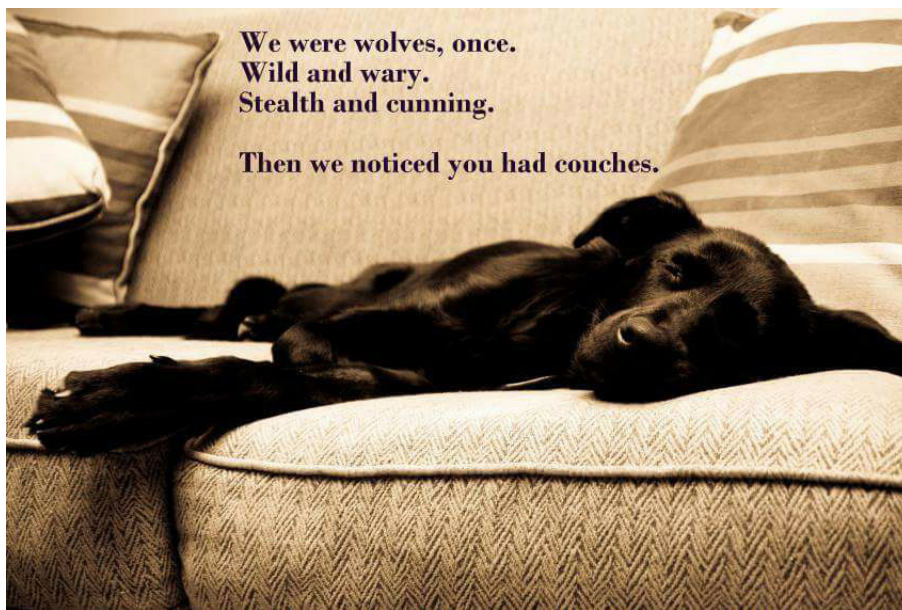
Finn came to us with his cute face and a friendly demeanor. When we met up with the transport team (Dane-train), I took him for a quick walk around the park where we met. He was excited to be with me, a bit pullly but we were warned about that. He was quiet for a few days after coming into our established home but soon fell into place. He always wants to be by my side. One nickname for him is my sidekick or Bro-self. Finn has a higher energy then what we had previously experienced, so we try to get him out at least every other day. I have nicknamed these walks, FARWalks – Finn Annoyance Reduction Walks. On Instagram, I post photos sometimes on our walks with the #FARWalk tag. So, feel free to look it up. With his extra energy needs, I am looking forward to seeing if I can get him to

come along with me while I use a bicycle. I also rollerblade at times, but am a bit scared to think what might happen – he has a high prey drive for things that move. Once he came into our home, we purchased him a new collar and a few bow tie attachments. They are so awesome on him, he looks like a little gentleman. I look forward to the years that come with my sidekick – Finn.

*Jessica Sanchez*

### Charley

I hope you both and your fur babies are doing well. I know we are! Charley is great, as always. We think he's been drinking from the fountain of youth. He has gained so much energy over the past few months, it's amazing! He LOVES to romp around the house throwing toys at Rosco and pushing toys into Henry and I so we can play with him. He's really been enjoying playing tug and wrestling with Rosco. They will just keep going for hours together. It's so sweet how much love they have for one another. I can't believe it's almost been 2 years that we have had Charley. It seems like we've had him forever. He is the silliest, happiest, and sweetest boy. His skin and fur are flawless and the only sign of aging on



this big guy is his grey face. I just got a new vehicle, which he loves because not only is it easier for him to get into but they both have so much more room. He loves his car rides and walks. Every time I get home from grocery shopping he

gets so excited because he know as I cut up and wash fruit he will get his share of strawberries, blueberries and watermelon. He still LOVES bath time and once he's in it's hard to get him out. We have so much fun with him and love how happy he is always.

*Elaina, Henry, Rosco and Charley*



## Do a little Christmas shopping and support GDRI

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 way 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](http://www.charitywicks.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc_c_1902.html)



### Benefit Wines

Enjoy a glass of wine while supporting Great Dane Rescue Inc. Wine always makes a great gift! Our wines feature custom GDRI labels. More info at <http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/help/benefitwine.html>

### GDRI 2018 Calendar

Our 2018 calendar is bigger and better than ever! Makes a great stocking stuffer. <https://greatdanerescueinc.presencehost.net/shop/danetshirts.html>

## Sandy's Spot

25 years.

2018 will be 25 years that Great Dane Rescue, Inc. has been in existence. I say that, but it's hard to believe those words are coming out of my mouth. I am humbled beyond belief, that people have been so passionate and so generous to keep this group not only growing, but thriving all these years. I want to thank each and every one of you - volunteers, board members, foster homes, donators, and everyone else who has supported rescue all these years. You have saved so many dogs and made so many dogs and people happy. You have created this legacy. Starting out in 1993 with 2 people, no money, no foster homes and no experience forming or running a non-profit organization, I am grateful to everyone who helped us go in the right direction. Great Dane Rescue, Inc. is the third largest Dane rescue group in the country, one of the best funded, and one of the best supported.

25 years. Because of you.

Thank you.





## Remarkable

My favorite update, the one where I announce that another well deserving Dane has found their family! (Like when an angel gets their wings, but different --- better!)

Remarkable met a lovely couple who was enamored by her graceful good looks and never ending charm! She was equally fond of them and they all seem to be destined for a bright future! This girl deserves it and they seem deserving of her. She will head back toward the Lansing area and be able to continue her current immunotherapy through Michigan State University which seems a huge plus! Remarkable's new mom is familiar with providing insulin injections so she has no qualms over administration on a monthly basis for Remarkable and her new dad previously had another dog in the past that had allergy issues.

They also have a brindle-looking cat named Puppy so they were considering re-naming this pretty brindle girl --- "Kitty". We have to wait to hear what they decide. Last word was that they rather like "Remarkable" as her name. Cute they shall soon have matching pets though!

Best wishes for Remarkable. So, so happy for her! Thank you to everyone who touched this little girl's life!

*Tanya*

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