



# GREAT DANE RESCUE REPORT

August 2015



## GDMI Fall Auction

The GDMI 2015 Annual Auction will be held Saturday, September 12 at:

Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill,  
10685 Warren Road  
Plymouth, Michigan

The auction will start at 7:30 p.m. We have some fabulous items available for auction, a raffle and food is provided. This is a non-dog event and a great opportunity to get together for a chat with friends.

If you would like to donate a raffle item, please contact Jeanette at [gr8danes@wowway.com](mailto:gr8danes@wowway.com). If you would like to donate an item for auction, please contact Sandy at [danelair@comcast.net](mailto:danelair@comcast.net).



## Adoptions

- Bruno—Kelly & Bobby Wilmoth
- Gryphon “Biggs” - Rob & Oshea Fischer
- Roscoe—Candice & Alain Azurmendi
- Darla—Janice Lawrence
- Gracie—Andrew Lidstone & Carley Mellan
- Lilly—Andi Miller
- Tucker—Martin Todd Smith
- Penny—Alanna Davoran & Andrew Burt
- Molly—Chris Alter
- Murphy—Jacki Pasquale
- Olive—Melissa Winthrow
- Gracie— Irene Evans



**Bentley**

Bentley has been in foster care for awhile now. Over the winter we thought that we might lose Bentley—he stopped eating and was definitely hurting. We finally got a diagnosis of atypical Addison's, and we started him on a low-dose of prednisone immediately. The very next day, Bentley ate all of his food without complaint; and he's continued to eat all of his food (even licking the bowl clean) each time he's fed! This is huge for Bentley as his foster parents were force feeding him by syringe to try and get some food into him.

Outside of the eating success; Bentley has turned into a 'real' dog again. He's turned back into his old self...he runs and does puppy-crazy-circles in the yard, and he's even playing with his foster family's Boxer again! He's already feeling more solid around his chest, and his eyes look so much better (and less sunken now). The turnaround has been simply amazing and we're so happy that the big guy is feeling better.

Bentley continues to be a super-happy pup that loves being with people, romping and relaxing outside, and playing. With it being a bit warmer, his foster home picked up a small kiddie pool for the dogs to play and cool off in when playing outside. As they hadn't ever seen Bentley with a pool before, they weren't sure how it was going to go. At first, he thought it was a giant water bowl (which was apparently a most exciting discovery for him)! After getting over his water bowl excitement, he was coaxed into standing in the pool, and after getting in the pool, he learned to sit down in it too. It was quite the comical sight to see!

Bentley is available for adoption and ready for his fur-ever home!

*Editor's note: A special thank you to Amy and Jeremy, Bentley's foster parents, for working so hard with him and for not giving up on him when things looked pretty desperate.*

## Happy Tails

This month has been amazing! Guinevere no longer has to be signaled to sit and wait for food and only goes for it after her "release" command (rub under her chin). She is now **HOUSEBROKEN!** Woohoo! She has discovered the car window and enjoys feeling the wind on the side of her face. We have also found a way around her love for the heat of the sun without the risk of sunburn: bonfires. She makes her rounds and says hello to our neighbors and then takes her place around the fire (a safe distance and always leashed/harnessed) she loves the warmth! On the 4th of July, we took Guinevere to a small beach. From the moment she stepped foot on the sand, she loved it. She loved the way the sand felt. After a few minutes, she put her paws in the water and she got this look of sheer joy. She started stomping and jumping. Guinevere the wonder Dane loves to swim.

I feel like, especially now with Guinevere's blindness being more evident than Guinness', a lot of people feel like you have to be a super hero to care for special needs and that they are so "fragile" and "confused". I feel like so many people won't consider one because they feel like they could never do it. I want people to see they play and love and live what they know to be normal lives.

*Mandie*

\* Guinevere is blind and deaf.

## Rest in Peace

- Liberty (Bobby & Kelly Wilmoth)
- Casino (Jo Anne Richards)
- Mischief (Flamm Family)
- Kody (Rob Fischer, Oshea Davidson & Family)
- Indy (Glenda Hayes)
- Kiara (April Makowski, foster mom)
- Kiros (Lynn Irish & Margie Schultz, foster moms)



"To love a Dane is to love humor 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 faith and to lose ones self. 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 slobber 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 onto a piece of paradise and for only a glimmer of time. ❤️

(Unknown author)"

it's a privilege  
to share one's life  
with a dog  
a being made  
of pure joy  
and genuine  
dignity

## Our Angels

Terry Savini  
Robalee Monroe in memory  
of Linda Roberts  
Marilyn Holcombe  
Carla Koty  
Don & Ingrid Boyd  
Wolverine Great Dane Club  
Kroger Community  
Foundation  
Alana Fontaine in memory  
of Ronald Lowell, MD  
Jonathan Saffian  
Cindy Mohacsi in memory  
of Liberty & Casino  
Alicia D'Ambrosio in  
memory of Joey & Phoenix  
Ashli Godfrey for Cammy  
McCowan's birthday  
Lana Milner in memory of  
Atlas Mutti (a great Great  
Dane)  
Shawn Reyonlds to  
acknowledge the work of  
Keith Bennett for GDRI  
Alex Tracey  
Deb Brown for Mandy  
Lee Ann Walker in memory  
of John Vanes  
Marilyn Daymon  
Charles LaGrone  
Christi Roe for Mandy  
Benefit Wine  
Barkbox  
Community Foundation of  
Tennessee (Brian &  
Delores Carter)  
J. Jones  
Petco  
William & Susan Boyle\  
Thomas White

Pam Ehlers  
Marilyn Weiss  
Tom Watson for Bentley  
Miriam Strassberg  
Adam Ciarrone



## A special thank you

We have had some amazing fundraisers lately. A very special thanks to the volunteers that take these on for us—it is a lot of work to successfully pull these off. We can safely say that it is truly a labour of love. Thank you!

- Sue Zieske for her calendar fundraiser—and a special thanks to Lady Darla for being such amazing model!
- Jeanette Coval for arranging for our sock fundraiser—we sold 213 pairs of socks featuring the magnificent Blue!

- Christie Roe for suggesting a fundraiser in memory of her daughter, Mandy.

And thanks to all of you who have supported these fundraising opportunities.

*Editor's note: We received the following from one of our donors. I thought it was worth sharing:*

*Just a little background on this donation. One of our co-workers lost her sister just last week. Joni had battled cancer for the last few years. She was a wonderful, kind hearted woman who loved animals. Joni had 5 Great Danes, 3 horses and a number of cats, some ducks, and I'm pretty sure there were other animals around there too!*

*It was her wish that we give to a local Great Dane rescue. I googled local rescues and yours came up. I was pleased that you care about your coworkers by doing the fundraising for Mandy – there was no doubt that I had to pick you!*

*I know it's not a lot, but as you said every little bit helps. Just wanted to share why we picked you.*

## Sandy's Spot

I have amazing news to share with you. One of our long-time volunteers, Stephanie Tracy, has been working on our Facebook page. If you haven't visited, you should. She has done such an amazing job and in just a few short years has grown the site to be the largest Great Dane site on Facebook with a following of more than 230,000 people. In fact, our Facebook page is such a success that Facebook is featuring our site as a success story at their fall conference—AND they are flying Stephanie out to California to talk about how she did it! Is that not fabulous? We are all so proud of her. I'll fill you in on the event in the next newsletter.

We had a terrific Fun Day—one of the best ever I think. Lot's of Danes and Dane lovers. I want to thank Jeanette Coval, Leah LaGrone and Deb Brown for all of their work on this event. It's grown to be one of our biggest fundraisers.

We just gathered our year-end statistics and I'm happy to report that we rehomed 90 Great Danes last year—pretty amazing work by all of our foster homes!

As always, thanks to all of you for your continued support and donations—we couldn't do what we do without you.

I hope to see many of you at the Auction in September. Do try to come—it's a lovely, low-key event with time to chat with other Dane-lovers.

*Sandy*



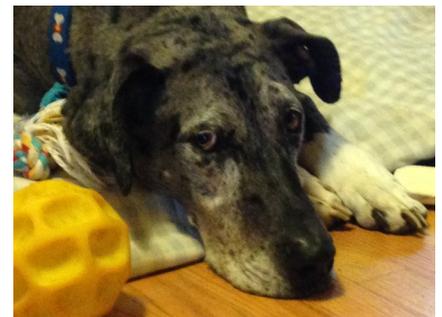
## FOREVER HOMES NEEDED

Both Batman and Elvis have been in foster care for a long time. It's largely because both of these dogs need to be only dogs and that tends to scare adopters away. They can be reactive around other dogs but are otherwise great big snugglebugs.

I live with a reactive dog—he wasn't always this way but as he's gotten older, he's become a little less tolerant of other dogs. I live in a busy city and don't have a backyard so we walk three times a day through a very dog-friendly neighborhood. I've found ways of keeping my Dane safe and from interacting badly with other dogs. We step aside to let dogs pass or cross to the other side of the street. We don't ever go to dog parks and if he needs a run, we take a drive outside of the city where he can run freely without meeting other pups. My Dane is rewarded when we're out on walks so that eventually he will associate other dogs with treats. The behavior is not something that I expect will ever go away completely but we've made incredible progress. It helps that he loves all people—that for him is the best part of our walks. He expects that people will love on him—it's just some dogs that he unsure of.

Batty and Elvis need families of their own. They need adopters who understand and are willing to work with them to overcome (or at least manage) their fears. If you think that Batman or Elvis would be a good fit for you, please submit an adoption application at:

[http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/adopt/adoption\\_app.html](http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com/adopt/adoption_app.html)



Elvis

## Shop to support GDRI

What could be better than enjoying a great glass of wine while supporting Great Dane Rescue? We have our own wine store at **Benefit Wines**. Any time that you order a bottle of wine from our store, GDRI receives a portion of the profits. It's a win-win. You get great wine and we get a donation! Visit Benefit Wines at:

[http://www.benefitwines.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc\\_c\\_552.html](http://www.benefitwines.com/Great-Dane-Rescue-Inc_c_552.html)

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