



Great Dane Rescue Report

Fun Day 2014

Fun Day is being held on June 7, 2014, at Hines Park (Cass Benton area) in 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. Dogs of all kinds (not just Danes) are very welcome, must be kept on leash and hopefully behave themselves.

For those from out of town we have a block of rooms booked at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth MI. Danes are welcome to stay there as well, but please use common sense in picking up after your dogs and not allowing excessive barking etc. Dogs should not be left unattended in the room. To make a reservation, call 734-459-3300 and mention that you are booking a room from the Great Dane Rescue block. The hotel's address:

Red Roof Inn - 39700 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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.

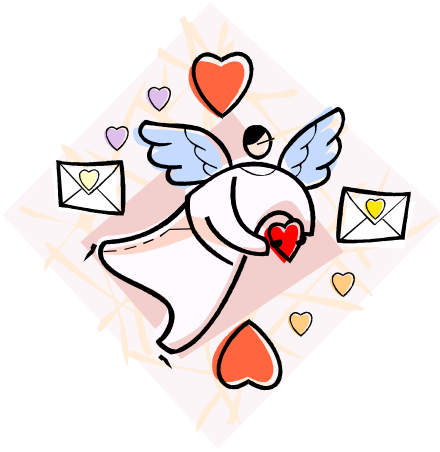
Directions to the park are on the website: greatdanerescueinc.com

See you there!



Adoptions

Zoey (Mystery Louise) - Nancy Preston
 Slate - Erin & Patrick Hughes
 Dewey - Jacquelyn Fuller
 Millicent Mae - Cindy Mohacsi
 May - Marcia & Michael Hickman
 Zaney - Mary Ann & Peter Dow
 Chance - Michelle Darcy-Sharma
 Kramer - Kelsie Cinnaurai
 Zack - JoAnna and Anthony Nunes
 Obie - Kathy Christian
 Titan - Lisa Lee
 Sargent - Michelle Noli
 Guinness (Thatcher) - Keith & Sarah Bennett
 Gracie - Marilyn Chadwick
 Aspen - Becky Riemer
 Kane - Elizabeth Young
 Duke - Torrie Haywood
 Jack - Cardina Adams
 Kenadie - Babette Cornell
 Patches - Cheryl Hackett
 Bentley - Jennifer & Anthony Maccarone
 Dakota - Virginia Arthurs
 Abby - Kelly & Marvin Campbell



Our Angels

Cynthia Mohacsi in memory of Boomer and Zeus
 Gina Skloss for Angel
 Susan Chaudron for Angel
 Cheryl LaCasse
 Sacred Coaching
 Michelle Kukar
 Allison Arthur & Chris Bolognese in memory of Iris
 Zoe Sadler for Angel
 Digital Forensics
 Peppermint Sky & Sir Duke - two lovely Great Danes who sent a big box of toys and blankets
 Deborah Price
 Brenda Seidel
 Linda & Michael Downing
 Community Foundation of Tennessee
 Truist Foundation
 Kroger
 Francine & Anthony Velthoven for Linda D's Polar Plunge
 Cathy & Gene Beaver in memory of Bill Wells
 Linda Gates
 Lee Ann Walker in memory of Paula LaRowe and John Mufareh
 Beth Meyers in memory of her dad, Duane Meyers

Stephen Spong
 Elizabeth Sweet
 Tracey Zlotos
 Hilary Phelps
 Katherine Tallering for Linda D's Polar Plunge
 Mary McVeigh
 Wolverine Great Dane Club
 Eric & Cindy Christianson
 Abbott Labs
 Rosalie Kimberlin
 Justine Mays
 Jessica Morey
 Karen Graham for Linda D's Polar Plunge
 Don & Ingrid Boyd for Linda D's Polar Plunge
 Daisy Denton
 Ron Hayes for Linda D's Polar Plunge
 Sheila Woodstra
 Shane Marie King
 Lady Darla (another wonderful Dane) via Sue Von Rosen Zieske
 Giving Spirit Care Fund of Sarasota County
 Gretchen & Roy Waters
 Benefit Wine
 Orphaned Paws Rescue for Clyde
 Stacey Laidlaw
 Angela Griffith
 Ashley Pike
 Judith & Pat Julien in memory of Sadie
 Beverly Bayer
 Sheila Mills
 Kelly Rouhier for Mooch
 Denise Kalwasinski
 Michelle Botts
 Ally
 Isabel Richer
 Patricia Adkins
 Michelle England
 John Wise
 Kathy Pate
 Schwab Charitable Fund on behalf of Michelle & Chris England
 Marilyn Holcombe
 Jeffrey Bailey
 Jennifer Hall
 Angela Newkirk
 Rachael Davis
 Stacie Gibbs

Inga Rasiulyte
 Kathy Garrison
 Cynthia Veglio
 Thelma Robinson
 Claudette Greenstein
 Hillary Gray
 Torrie Haywood
 Christine McGann
 Sherrie Smith
 Paulette Martini
 Chilly Dogs
 Janice Drake
 Paula Lozon
 Eric Schultz & Lori Dames
 Linda Record
 Sara Fennema
 Matthew Ritzler
 Frances Lawton
 Adam Jackson
 Nicole Potera
 Lynn Irish
 Isabel Richer
 Patricia Adkins
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JUST ONE OF THE DANES YOU HELPED US SAVE:



Chance

*Now that the sunlight dims and the shadows grow
 My step may falter and my age may show
 Join me my friend on this one last walk
 No words are needed...our hearts will talk
 We've laughed in the sunshine, cried in the rain;
 All the memories shared in both our hearts shall remain
 Once I'm gone and you walk alone...by your side I'll be
 You'll feel me there...your heart speaks to me
 And when your time comes and it's this walk you fear
 Let the echoes from my heart lead you here.*

Till we meet again old friend.



CAESAR

The world has lost the sweetest, smartest dog ever. Caesar was a throw-away; we pulled him from the shelter in Flint when he was 4 and a half months old. I offered to foster knowing he had major front leg issues and was knuckled over badly. I knew the minute I picked him up that he was never leaving my house. Caesar beat the leg issue but then developed Wobblers at 2 years old. We put him on prednisone and it helped his mobility tremendously. He ended up taking a low dose of pred for the rest of his life. He went on to become a therapy dog and made a lot of people happy on his visits. Caesar turned 7 last November and I could see him declining. Yesterday, he gave up and told me that he was tired and in a lot of pain. He went to the bridge today and I will miss him forever.

Jo Anne Richards

GRACIE HOO LOO I had to say good bye to my beloved girl this morning. Three days ago she became unsteady on her feet and stopped eating. The vet found a cancerous mass called a spleen mass. Because of its size and how fast it grew, we decided to say good bye. I held my baby while she passed. I loved her so much and she was a hit everywhere we went. She was such a great girl.

Sherrie Welch

Gracie Hoo Loo came into rescue about 3 years ago. She was deaf and partially blind. When she was with me we called her Powder. She was used for breeding. She was sick when I picked her up and we weren't sure she would make it through the weekend. She recovered and we found out later she was pregnant. Powder's pups were born at my house - Obie, Crash, Isabell and Loki. Powder stayed with my family for six months. Sherrie opened her heart and home to my special girl. Powder was the hardest one I ever let go. For those who are new to fostering there are those who stay close to your heart forever and their passing hurts as much as one of your own. It is a special privilege to foster one like that.

Delores Carter

ZEUS

On Friday, my good friend and companion passed away in his bed with me by his side. Z was Tina's and my first foster dog and our first foster failure. I remember watching him get into our Ford Escort station wagon with me wondering if he would fit. As I got behind the wheel to start the drive home I wondered, "What am I getting myself into?" Zeus stuck his head up front between Tina and I, gave me a gentle Dane kiss on my ear, turned around three times and lay down in the back of the car.

Zeus was found chained to a fence along with two lab mixes in front of a dog breeder's compound. The breeder took the dogs to a dog pound, where she was informed that they would keep the two lab mixes but Zeus would be put down due to his size, malnutrition and entropated eyelids. The breeder took Z back with her, got his eyelids fixed, put some weight on him, got him neutered and turned him over to GDRI, where Tina and I were unsuspectingly waiting for him.

Zeus was a fairly dependable dog but I like to tell the story of how he and our second foster dog, Fletch, got out one night and ended up a mile away at a bar where a pair of nice young women dropped the tailgate of their pick-up and asked if the dogs wanted a ride. They promptly jumped in and with the address on Z's tags, they were able to find their way home.

Zeus loved walks, camping, all people and other dogs. He loved little black kitties and would take them off to a corner and clean them until they were soaking wet. My cats liked him and more than once I saw a car slow down in front of our house as one of the cats would approach him and rub on his legs.

When we camped, after soliciting affection and treats from those assembled, Zeus would retreat about 20 feet and lie facing away from the fire in whatever direction he perceived a threat was likely to come from. He was our sentinel.

Tina and Zeus completed obedience training together. He also got his Certified Good Canine certificate at the 2009 Fun Day and later passed his TDI Certified Therapy Dog test with, as the tester said, "flying colors".

Cherish every moment you have with the ones you love and that love you. Don't put anything off. You never know when you will run out of tomorrows. I always made a point of finding him every morning before I left for work to pet him

Zeus was a great friend, had a very good life, and an end as good as anyone dare hope for.

Jon Rice

SID

This is an email that I didn't want to write. This morning we helped Sid to the Rainbow Bridge. Pat and I had been discussing the decision for the past couple of weeks and came to the conclusion that we would let him go with his dignity intact. He had a wonderful breakfast of Jimmy Dean's sausage, egg and cheese croissant, a couple of bites of roast beef from the deli and even got to eat some grass before he left us. Our hearts are broken and our house is empty.

I fell in love with him the first time I saw him on Petfinder and within 3 hours, he was mine. I remember the day I brought him home and he went into the backyard to pee. I laughed so hard – his raised leg pointed right up at the sky. The love and laughter he gave us was more than any mom or dad could hope for, he was a true one-of-a-kind. But don't we all say that about our fur-babies.

Please wish him well on his journey. I'm sure there is a welcoming committee for him.

Jan

IT' S A GREAT DANE.

YES, IT' S FRIENDLY

NO, I DON' T HAVE A SADDLE FOR IT

YES, IT' S A HOUSE DOG.

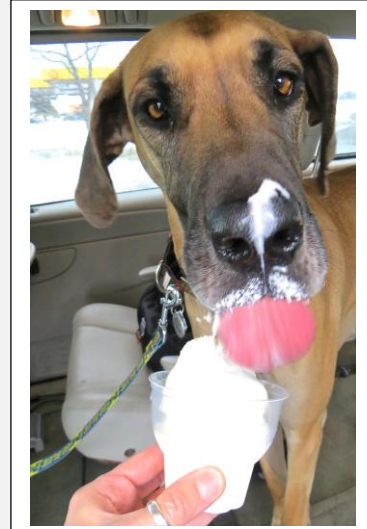
NO, I DON' T HAVE A HUGE HOUSE.

YES, YOU MAY PET IT.

NO, IT DOESN' T EAT THAT MUCH.

I KNOW IT' S THE BIGGEST DOG YOU' VE EVER SEEN.

IT' S THE BIGGEST DOG I' VE EVER SEEN TOO.

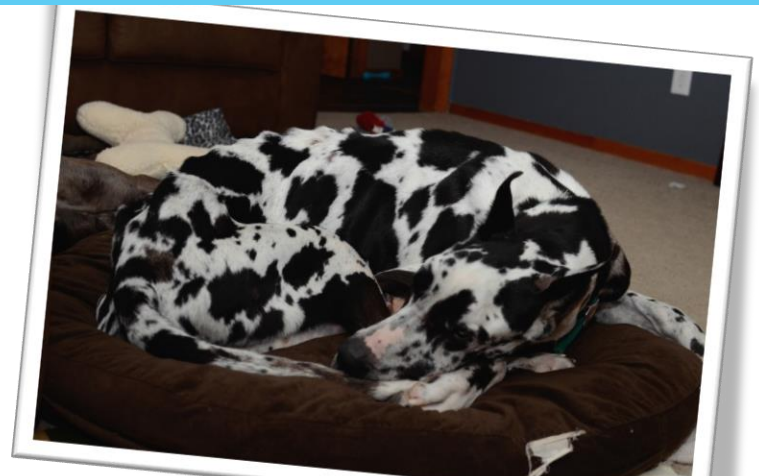


Mooch

This should be Mooch's last pupdate, as we're doing his adoption with his forever family this weekend. To say he's come a long way these past three months would be an understatement. When we first met Mooch, he was about 101 pounds, had a baseball-sized granuloma on his elbow, a previously infected and enlarged nipple and fur that was coarser than a horse. However, the one thing that has stayed the same since we first met – Mooch is the sweetest and most loving dog. Now that he's about to transition to his forever home, he weighs about 155 pounds, is granuloma free (the stitches are out and he's healing nicely), has had the enlarged nipple removed and is fully healed, has all of his vaccines and has a soft coat. He still has an ear infection, which has improved a lot since we got him, and will require some time and frequent cleanings to completely clear it up. Most importantly, Mooch has become a "real" dog again, he plays with toys, runs around the yard (we jokingly refer to him as the freight train – he isn't the most nimble of Danes), and is always ready for a neck or ear rub. He gets excited for walks when we get home and of course, for food (living up to his namesake is apparently important to him).

We're so happy that Mooch has been able to recover and we're excited that he's found his forever home. I'm sure his new parents can't wait to join him on this next part of his journey.

Jeremy & Amy (GDRI foster parents)



Fundraising for an Angel

Angel came into rescue from Mexico. She has no use of one her back legs. We took her for a neurological consult and the doc thinks that it is sciatic nerve damage. If the damage is superficial it could take up to six weeks, but then resolve on its own. If the damage is deeper, amputation would still be the last resort. A nerve anastomosis could restore up to 80% of her function. That surgery would involve cutting out the damaged part of the nerve and then reattaching the healthy ends. Another option if function is not restored after a six week healing process would be a tendon relocation. They would take a tendon that runs along the back of her leg and relocate it on the front of her paw so that it doesn't drag anymore.

If you would like to donate to help Angel, visit our website at greatdanerescueinc.com and go to Help our Cause. Thank you.

Yard Sale Success

by Sarah Bennett

Three Great Dane owners got together for a yard sale and raised \$1,000 for GDRI. Here's their story and a few tips that could help you duplicate the event.

Sarah Bennett, owner of GDRI alums Danforth and Kitty, plus recent shelter arrival Polka, got together with two friends, Marilyn Chadwick, GDRI alums Sadie and Gideon, and Stacie Fisher (Luke & Lucy) to raise money for GDRI with yard sale. With seven Great Danes between the three families, they had lots of incentive to help Danes in need

The plan was simple: find extra stuff in our homes and get rid of it. Here are a few simple steps that they followed:

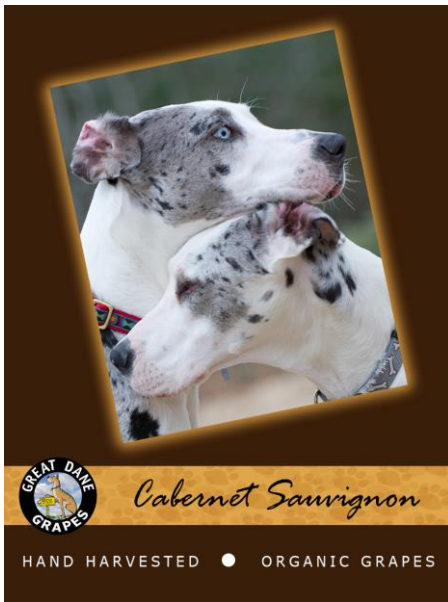
1. Find a couple of friends (with or without Danes) who are willing to participate in your yard sale. It's often best to have at least two extra people or families helping out...that way you can call it a "Multi-Family Yard Sale".
2. Pick a date and a location. If you want maximum planning time, try something about a month away. Who has the best front yard or driveway? Who is close to large streets? Answering these kinds of questions often helps decide where the sale should be located. Start telling friends and family all about it. Facebook is a great tool.
3. Everyone has extra, unneeded stuff in their house. Ask around. You'd be amazed at how many people are happy to contribute stuff, especially when they don't need to be up early and help on-site. The charity (GDRI) aspect is also appealing to most.
4. Start taking digital pictures of the "stuff". Sometimes you can't until it's unpacked just before the sale, but find some things that will help attract people to your sale. Items were put together to help show variety instead of detail.
5. Post pictures and some descriptions on Craigslist and/or Kijiji. These are amazing tools that will help with advertising...and they're free and easy to use. Only the date and general location are required for these early advertisements, but whatever details you have to 'tease', including items for sale or specialty items are great to include.
6. Confirm details of time and place. Everyone needs to know at least a week before the sale. Sarah, Stacie and Marilyn decided to start really, really early at 7:00am. That made it one of the first sales to start and lots of dealers showed up.
7. About a week before the sale, prepare a detailed ad for Craigslist and/or Kijiji. Make sure you include lots of types of things, brand names, new-in-box, if that's the case. If you've got tons of baby stuff or tools, say so. If you've got lots of antiques or linens, say that instead. Furniture is very popular, especially when you include a picture. Sarah posted four or five different Craigslist ads in the days before the sale. They all included the same information but had different photos of the 'stuff' for sale.
8. The night before the sale, put up the signs, lots and lots of signs. Sarah and Marilyn covered her neighbourhood with over fifty signs at major intersections that had arrows showing the way. Also included on the signs was information about the date, time and address.
9. Prepare with all the usual yard sale 'needs'. A cashbox can be stolen easily so aprons, money belts or pockets are the best plan for money. Also, you'll need a float, with lots of change and small bills. If you are going to price items individually, this should be done before you go to bed. Setting up in the morning is busy enough, without having to price everything.
10. Set-up in the morning always takes longer than expected. Depending on how much stuff you have, plan on at least a couple of hours. Expect earlybirds. Any valuables, like gold, should be carried by someone at all times. Do not put this package down once the sale starts.

Unfortunately, the day of the sale was not filled with perfect weather. The rain stayed away until 9:00am, but then it came down in downpours every 15 minutes or so. There were tarps to cover all the items, and some sale-goers weren't daunted by the weather (and shopped under the tarps) but everything was basically over by noon, instead of 2:00pm as planned.

After every yard sale, no matter how successful, there's stuff left over. Some charities will come and pick it up from your door, so ask around or do some research and find out what's available in your area.

Sarah, Stacie and Marilyn sold lots of stuff, including: Royal Doulton figurines, power tools, gold rings, porcelain floor tiles (specific ad for this), new kitchen items, antique china and silverplate, current best-sellers, linens, cups and saucers, and much more. Together they raised \$1,000USD for GDRI and sent the donation through Paypal.

Editor's Note: Sadly, Polka and Sadie have both passed away. Since then Sarah adopted Guinness (aka Thatcher) and Marilyn adopted Gracie from GDRI.



Benefit Wines

Enjoy a glass of wine while supporting Great Dane Rescue Inc. We have selection of fine wines available and the proceeds from sales will benefit GDRI:

The Benefit Wines offered - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Malbec and Sauvignon Blanc are imported from LaFortuna Vineyards in Lontue Valley, Chile.

To order a bottle (or several) of Great Dane Grapes, please go to www.BenefitWines.com/gdr

I would like to think that
I will die a heroic death,
but it's more likely that
I will trip over my Great Dane
and choke on a mouthful of wine.

Truer words were never spoken ☺



Sandy's Spot

I can't believe that another Fun Day is fast approaching! I'm so looking forward to seeing you all again. Hopefully, we'll have a great day weather-wise but we do carry on - rain or shine.

I was looking at Our Angels and wow is all that I can say. Our donors are the very best. We post that we need help or that we're doing something special to raise funds and you all step up. It's truly amazing and I speak for everyone involved with GDRI when I say THANK YOU! And a special thank you to our co-founder, Linda Dalton, who bravely took part in a Polar Plunge to raise funds for us.

We had six severely emaciated Danes arrive within days of each other this past winter and as always, our foster moms and dads opened their homes and their hearts to them. I'm happy to report that all are now at their ideal weight and living the lives they were meant to. Mooch, featured in this edition, is one of the six.

As always, I want to thank all of you - donors, adopters, volunteers - for all that you do to help us help them. We could not do it without you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Fun Day!

Sandy

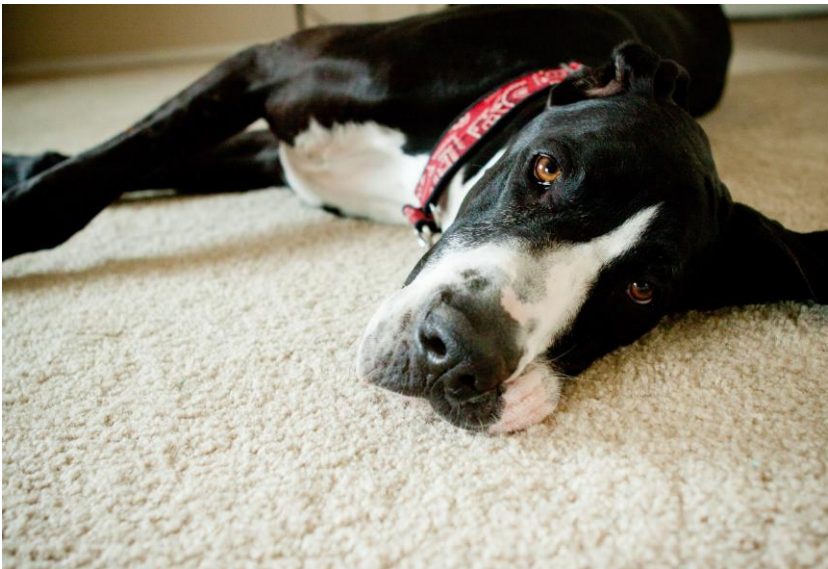
P.S. Be sure to mark the first Saturday in September in your calendar. That's day we hold our annual auction. We always have some fabulous stuff for sale. This year we have a solid wood free standing coat rack with Harle head on top!



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The 2015 GDRI Calendar will be available for sale beginning in June - purchase one at Fun Day or visit our website:
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