

THE HEARTLAND HEARTBEAT

Heartland Great Dane Rescue

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Featured Dog: Harlie by Shadow Foster

I'd like to introduce you to a very sweet and loving girl who has made amazing progress in recovering from a very emotionally and physically stunted beginning. Harlie is a beautiful Harlequin female who entered rescue at the approximate age of 2. She was claimed from a puppy mill where she was being used as a breeder, along with her littermate



DeeDee. While at that facility, she was bred repeatedly and frequently and was never exposed to human contact. Extremely head shy, the timid-ness of this girl could hardly be believed. At the time of her initial rescue, she was very thin and her nipples hung below her knees. A comprehensive behavioral assessment was difficult to complete due to her fear of humans but she showed no indication towards fear aggression. Oddly enough, from that very first time, Harlie has always loaded into a vehicle like an angel. Once placed into a foster home, Harlie began to respond to her new surroundings and was adopted out in November 2004. Unfortunately, Harlie returned to the rescue early this year with emotional damage and poor health. Underweight and with abrasions on the end of her tail, she had reverted to her previous timid-ness. She was placed into a new foster home with Shadow Foster and Brad Wynn, who now affectionately call her Honey for her sweet nature.

Intensive work during her first week back in foster care showed a resilience to her mental strength which has since allowed her to recover all her lost ground and make even more progress. Since returning to the rescue, Harlie has gained weight, learned how to play, begun to learn the steps to the obedience dance, and is finally coming to enjoy being a dog. (cont. page 5)

ABC's of Our Danes Antics, Brags & Comments

Antic: Sabrina, Fawn Dane and Dolton, 6 month old DS of Lindsey Askins enjoy playing Lick The Baby. Lindsay leans Dolton close and sings "Lick the baby" to Sabrina and she licks his face. Then Lindsay leans away " Don't lick the baby" and Sabrina stops. Dolton of course laughs with delight as this is repeated time and time again.

Brag: Hailey, Harl Dane of Dana Askins. Is a very patient dane girl. She let's 2 yo grand-baby, Emily take hold of her tail and yell "Got It!" Hailey just keeps doing what she is doing. Plodding along or sniffing around without a care in the world with little Emily in tow. Good Girl Hailey!

Comment: Thunder, Black Dane of Lindsay Askins really knows how to scare his family. Earlier this year he had to be rushed to emergency surgery. Imagine the shock when told the vet pulled an entire bath towel from his bloated belly. Looking back its a little amusing, but at the time... It was quite a shock!



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Letter From The President

Dear Dane Lovers,

Welcome to the Heartland Heartbeat! We've been trying for almost 6 years to get a newsletter started and I think we might have finally done it! Special thanks to Jodi for volunteering to be our Editor and to each and every contributor!

This column is supposed to be for the purpose of trying to keep you all updated about the happenings in rescue that are not related to events, but there's something very important I want to say first. I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of rescue and doing everything you can do to help the plight of homeless Danes in Oklahoma. I'd also like to welcome our newest Lifetime Angel members the Caudell family. You are all true heroes!

Now, on to the fun stuff...even though you don't see it, rescue is always busy. We are receiving approximately 50 – 100 e-mails on a daily basis and approximately 20 calls per day. As you know, our program is full. So we've had to find places in other rescue groups for many Danes lately, I must admit, we've lost a few. You know what's coming next, if you would like to be a foster home for Oklahoma Danes or know of someone who would, please let us know. We are back to maintaining a waiting list for Danes in

need, having had as few as 3 and as many as 8 the last few weeks.

We do have 3 Danes in rescue that all of you don't know, but my space is limited, so I'll share just a little about each one and if you'd like to know more, hit us up on the yahoo list.

Astro is an 18 month old blue male with cropped ears and was adopted by our newest fosters, the SanSoucie family. Congratulations to Astro, Gary & Abigail!

Zeus is a 4 year old mantle male who is being adopted by his foster home too! Congratulations to Zeus, Mike & Tanya!

Aurora is a 9 month old fawn female with natural ears and has a home waiting for her...they met her at the Adopt-A-Thon (she may be there before this publication).

We've also let Roosevelt move in with Loree and Lexus. Some of you may remember Lexus (aka Lexi) a beautiful black female adopted 3 years ago. It looks like it might just become permanent...we just needed Lexi's approval.

Be sure to check out the education column. We met new rescue friends at the Adopt-A-Thon and after getting home, I checked out some of their websites. Well, Rotts-N-

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to submit:

- ~ Antics, Brags & Comments
- ~ Memorials
- ~ Cheers and Jeers
- ~ Unsubscribe notice



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Notts had a wonderful test to check the quality of dog food for a Rottweiler. Jodi & I borrowed the idea and came up with a test for Danes...be sure to give it a try...it's actually fun to see exactly where different foods fall! So, grab a calculator and head on over to the education column...start with 100 points and see where you end up!

If there is a specific health, behavior or training article you'd like to see in the newsletter, let us know...we'll be glad to see what we can do!

I'll be thinking of each of you and the many Danes you've helped us save over the years!

Sincerely,

Jan Cates



Kathleen & Addie at home. October 2007

Getting To Know You by Jennifer Beard

Kathleen Scott

Kathleen moved to Tulsa a little over a year ago. At that time, she was newly married to Michael Scott. They came to Tulsa from Oklahoma City for Michael to study at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, he plans to pursue a career in Internal Medicine. Kathleen is attending Tulsa Community College to obtain a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant.

Kathleen is a beautiful young girl who laughs easily, has a quick wit, and loves life. She is committed to keeping herself fit with exercise and healthy eating. She enjoys Asian foods, sushi, and bubble tea. Kathleen

admires people who live a vegan lifestyle and tries to follow these beliefs in her daily living but does admit that this can tough! She tries to live and buy organically.

One thing that Kathleen is passionate about is animals. When growing up she wanted to be a veterinarian. She is still considering this career for the future. When asked if she could have anything what would it be? She said her dream is for her and Michael to have successful careers, a nice home, and lots of land. Part of her dream is to create a sanctuary for dogs, cats, horses and other animals to come when they have been abandoned or neglected.

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Memorials

Charlie by Jan Cates

On October 7, 2007 Charlie Beach passed on to the Rainbow Bridge. Charlie was an exceptional boy that epitomized the idea of the Gentle Giant. Standing just over 42 inches at the shoulder and weighing a little over 200 lbs. he was one of the sweetest lap dogs anyone could hope to meet. I remember well my first meeting with Charlie. Teri had told me her Dane was 'big', but we hear that a lot...Teri wasn't exaggerating...he met me at the storm door and we were eye level. He was absolutely one of the most gentle dogs I've met and beautiful to boot. When Teri adopted Gypsy from HGDR, Charlie took her under his wing and showed her the ropes of being a wonderful dog. The great news here is that Charlie had a wonderful life! When Charlie had no one to love him Teri was there...and he returned the favor for being there for her...always. Charlie will live on forever in the memory and hearts of all



who met him.

What a wonderful boy he was in every sense of the word. Our hearts are with Teri now as she grieves, but we know Charlie has provided her with the strength she needs to get through this by his loving example. We love you Teri & Charlie!

Titan by Jodiann Cates

Often a Great Dane comes into rescue, but leaves without a happy ending. Their injuries are too great, their disease incurable. Titan was one of these. Lucky enough to have found rescue, but too late to save him. His illness was silently killing him. What looked like lick sores were really symptoms of a fungal infection he had most likely had for a very long time. By the time the sores showed up his entire body was involved. His pain and suffering would only grow worse until it became unbearable. His foster family loved him dearly. He was a gentle playmate to their two girls and the family dogs. This being



the first foster dog for this family, to lose him was especially hard. Titan loved to cuddle and gave sweet gentle kisses. His last moments were surrounded by his foster family telling him they loved him.



If you have a memorial you would like to share. Send it to just_peachy@alltel.net



Event Comings & Goings by Jennifer Eggers

Hiya all!!

Let me start off by saying THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with the last couple events! Without you we wouldn't be able to pull them off!!!

A little about me. My name is Jennifer Eggers but I go by Jenn. I have 3 sons, twins that are 5 1/2 and a single that is almost 4! I have an almost 2 year old female Blue Great Dane named Ahna. She has been a handful but I think she is finally getting out of the puppy stages! We also have a mini schnauzer named Jax and at 2 years and 6 pounds he is king of the castle! I also have 2 orange tabby cats named Burn-Out and Brodi that I rescued before I moved here from Washington State. Our newest addition to the zoo is a 1 year old white Chinchilla named Freddy.

I just had my first foster success! Roosevelt is settling well in Kansas with his new

mommy and sister!

As for some of the past events just to catch you up if you missed them. We had the Great Dane Round-Up on August 18th. Even though it was raining we had a lot of fun! We had a few contests. Here is a list:

Winner of the Best Kisser contest was Cleo, owned by Brian and Donna January.

Winner of Best Tail Wag contest was Anna Lise, owned by Betty Jones.

Winner of Best Trick was Apollo, owned by Brian and Donna January

Thank you to Great Dane Club of Oklahoma for donating hotdogs, hamburgers and buns for our event they were very tasty!

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Newsletter Notes

The Heartland Heartbeat is a bi-monthly newsletter produced by The Newsletter Committee of Heartland Great Dane Rescue, Inc. Our goal is to reach out to owners of Great Danes with fun stories, educational articles, news of HGDR events, dane happenings about town and to share our sorrow when one of our Danes is lost. And comfort those left hurting by their absence.

We invite all members to contribute as you wish. (see pg. 2 for contact information)

If you would like to become a regular contributor, please consider becoming a member of The Newsletter Committee, and help research, report, gather pictures, and produce the Heartland Heartbeat every other month,

Happy News!

Jodiann Cates, Editor

Paws on Parade is Sunday, October 21st



Education: Grade Your Danes Food by Jan Cates

~ Grab a calculator, and start with 100 points.

For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points.

For every non-specific animal source ("meat" or "poultry", meat meal or fat) reference, subtract 10 points.

If the food contains artificial preservatives (BHA, BHT, Ethoxyquin or Propylene Glycol), subtract 10 points

If the guaranteed analysis shows protein of greater than 24%, subtract 5 points.

For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract 5 points.

If the same grain ingredient is used 2 or more times in the first five ingredients (ie. "ground brown rice", brewer's rice" & "rice flour" are all the same grain), subtract 5 points.

If the food contains corn in any form, subtract 5 points.

If corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients, subtract 3 more points.

If the guaranteed analysis shows a fat of greater than 12%, subtract 3 points.

If the protein sources are not meat meal and/or there are less than 2 meats in the

top 3 ingredients, subtract 3 points.

If it contains any artificial colors or flavors, subtract 3 points.

If the food contains animal fat other than fish oil, subtract 2 points.

If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other sources), subtract 2 points.

If it contains soy or soybeans (milo is soybeans), subtract 2 points.

If it contains wheat (brewer's yeast is wheat), subtract 2 points.

If it contains beef (unless you know for certain your dog is NOT allergic to beef), subtract 1 point.

If it contains salt (or sodium as it is also called), subtract 1 point.

EXTRA CREDIT:

If any of the meat sources are organic, add 5 points.

If the food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist, add 5 points.

If the food is baked, not extruded, add 5 points.

If the food contains probiotics, add 3 points.

If the food contains fruit, add 3 points.

If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains), add 3 points.

If the animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free, add 2 points.

If the food contains barley, add 2 points.

If the food contains flaxseed oil (not the seeds), add 2 points.

If the food contains oats or oatmeal, add 1 point.

If the food contains sunflower oil, add 1 point.

For every different specific animal protein source (other than the first one; count "chicken" and "chicken meal as only one source, but "chicken" and "pork" or "salmon" as 2 different sources), add 1 point.

If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin, add 1 point.

If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are pesticide-free, add 1 point.

If it contains Omega-3 and/or Omega-6, add 1 point.

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Getting To Know You, Kathleen Scott

Kathleen wants to provide a safe place for animals to come to where they will be loved, cared for, and kept healthy. She even had a dream the other night where she had two homes one for her and Michael and the other was for animals. The animals even had their own beds and sofas!

Kathleen and Michael adopted Addie from Heartland Great Dane Rescue in January of this year. When asked why they chose a Great Dane she said they loved big dogs and researched Danes online and knew that they love the personality. She knew they would always adopt from rescues because they do not support backyard breeding since people do not need to be breeding without good reason. When Kathleen was growing up the best dogs they ever had they either adopted or found as strays. When asked, why she loves Addie she said: " Her sweet nature, she's an alpha dog and loves to play rough. I love how silky soft her coat is! How she loves to cuddle.

How when I'm working or studying too long and she wants attention she comes up, puts her nose under my arm and throws her head back barking and staring at me. It makes me realize how lucky I am to have her. I appreciate the breaks she 'makes' me take. I really do need them. I love it when I am lying on the ground after a workout and about to do crunches and she just stands over me sniffing my face. Or when Michael and I are going to bed and I forget something in the kitchen, she walks back to watch me and make sure I'm really coming too.

My favorite thing about Addie is waking up and having her either snuggled up close to me, or with a foot stretched out over my head. I love it when she has her feet on me when she is sleeping, and then proceeds to kick me when she dreams about chasing something. I love the way she chases

trip over. I love it when she sits on me and I love it when she tries and misses. I love it when she watches TV. I love it when we've been playing fetch or tug of war and does 'victory laps' around the house holding her 'prize' up high.

I spend more time with Addie than I do with anyone, and she really does make life worth it.

Something that drives me crazy about Addie is that when she eats, she leaves dog food in about a 5-foot radius around her feeder. But since Michael and I aren't always the cleanest people, it's not a big deal. "

Who can say it better than that? Thank you Kathleen!



Pulse of Tulsa

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In the interest of community building this section of our newsletter is set aside for News, Events, and Special Interests of our Greater Tulsa members. Jennifer Beard will be contributing this section starting with the November/ December issue.

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On the minds of many Tulsa area dog owners these days is their lack of a dog park. Dog Parks have boomed in recent years in cities all over the country as a place for like-minded doggie lovers to get together.

Having a place to mix it up with other dogs for the sake of building play partnerships for their 4 legged friends and making a few new friends of the 2 legged variety has proved a wonderful combination for both the city and it's dog thoughtful community.

How exactly does a motivated community get a dog park built in this complicated world of tight city budgets, breed profiling, and sue happy mentality?

by Jodiann Cates

Good question! I decided to look into it. This is what I found. It just might get the wheels turning in the right direction in Tulsa.

The most successful dog parks are run by a non-profit corporations started by citizens who work in partnership with their city leaders. For example: These motivated citizens find a lesser used park in the city system or a lesser used section of a large popular park and draw up a plan for re-use as a dog park with donated funds. The citizen organization covers the initial cost of the build or re-build for the space. Citizens also run the park, providing volunteers for clean up and small maintenance. The city agrees to provide manpower for future projects and large maintenance issues, as well as cover the park under city's insurance protection. Citizens get their dog park, and the City gets a refurbished area with no initial fund outlay. Win, Win, right?

Okay, you say "Sounds nice, but really, how did they do it? "

Well, first off the folks who want this dog

park must be highly motivated. They must be willing to form a non-profit group, find a location, produce a plan, and execute the plan all the while financing their dreams with donations. To do all this they must find like minded individuals in the areas of business, business planning, finance, construction, and politics. Yes! Politics! It helps to know which members of your City Council have and love dogs! So a good sleuth can be valuable as well.

Attract a variety of citizens with these skills and work together and someday soon Greater Tulsa will have a dog park of its very own! To find out more from those who actually performed this neat doggie trick, visit these sources.

www.fortwoof.org
www.pawparksanford.org

Ft Woof and Paw Park of Historic Sanford placed first and second respectively, in the Best Dog Parks in the country contest by Dog Fancy Magazine.

They know their stuff!



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Dane ABC's

Antic: Blue, blue dane of Jan Cates, has finally decided its time for him to pee like a big boy. It only took 4 1/2 years. His signature move is to prop his belly against a tree trunk so he need not support his weight alone. Genius or Lazy?

Comment: Jackie Cates. "Standing between two female Danes who are fighting is not a good idea!"

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The ABC's of Our Danes is a regular feature supported by reader submissions. Send your Antic, Brag or Comment to Jodiann Cates, just_peachy@alltel.net

from page 1 **Harlie: Featured Dog**

Today, meeting this 5 year old girl, the bright eyes and pricked ears look at you patiently as she waits for the friendly hand to pet her. Jingling her leash brings about a transformation into a bouncing, romping puppy who wants to go for a ride in the car. Yet once she has reached her spot in the car, she reverts back to the dignified girl happy to watch the landscape pass by. If you can catch her in the right mood, you can play a game of tag or catch-me-if-you-can around the living room or backyard till you both fall over out of breath. You have to watch out though, she's not above darting through your legs to startle the heck out of you! Quiet time in the evenings usually includes lying on your feet on the floor or joining you on the laid-out sleeper sofa. Oh, and make sure

you insert a cat or 3 in there somewhere. Her tiny friends all get at least one doggie caress from her each day. A nose applied to the head and then rubbed the length of the spine - an endearing sight anytime. And one mustn't forget the kitten in the house ... just waiting her chance to pounce on a giant tail, swipe at an ear in passing, or worst of all, wrap herself around a front foot and try to chew. I wish you could all see the look on Harlie's face as she looks down on 3 pounds of kitten wrapped around her ankle, tries to lift the foot out of reach only to have the fur ball attach itself to the other ankle, then look at you for help. Priceless!

Editor's Note: Harlie is currently available for adoption.



from page 4 **Grade Your Danes Food**

If the guaranteed analysis shows crude protein between 21% - 24%, add 1 point.

DETERMINE YOUR GRADE

100+	A+	79 - 87	C
95 - 100	A	70 - 78	D
88 - 94	B	Below 70	F

Foods Already done, listed by grade:

A+ Foods:

Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul Adult Dog Formula - 110

Eagle Pack Holistic Select Large & Giant Breed Adult Formula - 116

Diamond Naturals Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Adult - 116

Canidae Lamb & Rice Formula - 103

A Foods:

Blue Buffalo Large Breed Adult - 99

Eagle Pack Large & Giant Breed Adult (not holistic) - 100

B Foods:

Eukanuba Large Breed Natural Lamb & Rice - 89

Nutro Natural Choice Lamb Meal & Rice Formula - 90

C Foods:

ProPlan Natural Lamb & Rice Formula - 79

Back to Basics Chicken Formula - 87

D Foods:

Diamond Maintenance - 71

Iams Lamb Meal & Rice - 72

Iams Large Breed Formula - 75

Nature's Recipe Large Breed Recipe - 75

Nutro Max Large Breed Puppy - 72

NutroMax Large Breed Adult - 77

Muenster Premium 21-8 for growing and mature dogs - 76

Eukanuba Large Breed Adult - 72

F Foods:

Hill's Science Diet Adult Original Dry - 44

Pedigree Large Breed Food for Adult Dogs - 43

Pedigree Performance for Adult Dogs Original Beef Flavor - 38

ProPlan Giant Breed Formula - 65

Beneful Original - 44

Beneful Healthy Harvest - 50

Purina Dog Chow - 33

Purina Puppy Chow Large Breed - 54

Purina One Lamb & Rice Formula - 55

Purina One Large Breed Formula - 59

from page 3 **Events**

Scott Thornton was a great cook!

We also attended an Adopt-A-Thon at Camp Bow Wow on Sept 15th.

It was great to meet people from other rescues in the area and see the dogs they had up for adoption. We had a good handful of people pick up applications and information!

Thank you to all the Foster Homes for making the effort to be there!

The Danes all did great! It was so cute to see them all trying to sleep in the shade under our tent!

November 3rd we will be having a pre-holiday get together... no plans of yet but save the date and watch your email boxes! As soon as there is a plan you will all be let in on it!

If anyone has an Event Idea please feel free to email me at JennREggers@aol.com



Reminder: There's a Perfect Dog For Everyone

Submitted by Loree Boyer

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising 4 pups. He set to nailing the sign to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let

out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed closer against the fence, his eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller.

Down the ramp it slid. Awkwardly, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling

up one leg of his trousers, revealing a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup carefully handing it to the little boy.

"How much?" The boy said. His face upturned.

"No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love." He whispered almost to himself as he watched the little boy with the tiny pup in his arms move slowly off down the road.

