



# The Danely Planet

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## From My Bowl to Yours

We are just now starting to recover from the puppy mill seizure in Polk County. For those of you who didn't hear, we received 21 great danes that were kept in a mobile home in Lakeland. These danes had NEVER been outside on the grass or seen people. They were eating furniture to survive. All were severely emaciated and infested with fleas. It has taken over a year to get them socialized & housebroken. It took a very long time to get them to be able to walk in or out of the home. They had never walked outside or eaten out of a dog dish. They were afraid of their own shadows. Now, a year later, 18 out of the 21 have successfully been placed!

*Linda Heinz*



## REMEMBER:

Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, Inc is a non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.



If you have any Great Dane stories, news, or tidbits you would like to share- please send them to us at Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, P.O. Box 7172, Tampa, FL 33673

## Mark Your Calendar



### April 23

Earth Day celebration at Verizon. Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, Inc. has been invited to participate for the 6th year in a row and has been recognized by Verizon as one of their charities!

### April 25

Adopt-a-thon at the Florida State Fairgrounds! This is our first time at this event and we are excited to meet new people!

### First Saturday of Every Month

Great Danes of Tampa Bay Meetup Group usually attends Gaspar's Grotto "Pets on the Patio" in Ybor. Great place to socialize with other danes!! Many thanks to the group for their continued support & donations!

### Petsmart Tables

Most weekends we try to set up an information table at different Petsmarts. We'd love for you to join us or set up a table at your own neighborhood Petsmart!

For more information on any of these events and more- please call Linda at (813) 949-3813



### Foster homes needed!

We rely on foster homes for day to day care- medical expenses are covered! If would like to foster a great dane, please call Linda for details at (813)949-3813!



# A New Leash on Life - Arrrgyle's Story

Arrrgyle was the first of 21 danes that were seized in Polk County. The puppy mill breeders called Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, Inc. and told us that she had a dane living in the back seat of her car because he couldn't walk. Linda met with her husband and the dog at her vet office. Arrrgyle, who was 1 1/2 years old, only weighed 75lbs. He was kept curled in the car for so long he could no longer stand or walk. He was severely infested with fleas. He had at least 15 bladder stones due to extreme dehydration. We had to carry him in and out of the house to go potty. He could not stand up even if he was laying on the floor. His recovery was very long. It took 6 months for his rehabilitation. Today Arrrgyle weighs 150lbs and lives in Southern Florida with his new Mom & Dad that spoil him rotten!

## We've Found New Homes!



Arrrgyle  
Fiona  
Gator  
Lexi  
Libby  
Malcom  
Jenna  
Miles

Tatum  
Caleb  
Sampson  
Maggie  
Sebastian  
Bernie Mac  
Mattie

Sadee  
George  
Iggy  
Belle  
Lola  
Jasper  
Juno



## We're Still Looking for a New Home!

Henry- 2yrs, Harlequin, natural very floppy ears, playful, sweet, couch cuddler

Zeke- 18mo, Harlequin, natural ears, very playful, needs experienced home

Zaharah- 2yrs, Blue Merle, natural ears, when happy or excited she smiles a toothy grin

Barney- 2yrs, Black Merle, cropped ears, loves soccer balls, cuddly, no cats or small dogs

Bronson- 2yrs, Brindle-quin, natural ears, needs to be only dog in the home

Royce- 18mo, Black, natural ears, puppy mill rescue, still overcoming fears

Tilly- 18mo, Black, natural ears, puppy mill rescue, still overcoming fears

Margo- 18mo, Mantle, natural ears, puppy mill rescue, goofy, loves to chew

Serena- 2yrs, Blue Merle, natural ears, gets along well with other dogs but not all people

Kayla- 20mo, Mantle, cropped ears, sweet, active, can leap a 4 foot fence

Jared- 2yrs, Harlequin, cropped ears, thin, owner recently passed away

Shelby- 2yrs, Mantle Merle, natural ears, loves to run & play, slow to warm up to new people

Diamond- 18mo, Harlequin, cropped 1up/1down ears, longest tongue ever! prefers male dogs

Annabelle- 2.5yrs, Black, natural ears, clingy, loves to chase squirrels, gets along well with others

# Events We've Attended

- ★ **October '08:** Our adopt-a-thon at Petsmart was a BIG SUCCESS! We adopted out several danes and received some dog food donations!
- ★ **October 18th '08:** SPCA Pet Walk in St. Petersburg
- ★ **November '08:** We participated in The Great American Teach-In at Essrig Elementary School. We brought 4 danes and educated the children about pet care & safety. The children were surprised how big the dogs were!
- ★ **November '08:** Westshore Plaza's Magical Night of Giving
- ★ **December '08:** Pet Pictures with Santa were held at the Pestmarts on Fletcher Ave and in New Tampa on Bruce B. Downs. Our very own Dan Heinz played Santa! We took a lot of pictures of cats, dogs & babies!
- ★ **February '09:** Another successful adopt-a-thon at Petsmart!
- ★ **February 28th '09:** "Get Rescued in Gulfport"
- ★ **March 14th '09:** "Bark in the Park" adoption event at Al Lopez Park in Tampa
- ★ **March 21st '09:** "Mutt March" Dunedin at Highlander Park
- ★ **Too many events to count...** many thanks again to Great Danes of Tampa Bay Meetup Group for providing Grrrrreat Dane Social events as well as donations & volunteers!



**THANK YOU** to the following individuals for your generous donations to Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, Inc.!!!

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Foster mom & great volunteer for all occasions

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Foster mom & great fundraiser

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**Kim Miller**

Foster mom & great volunteer

**Calvin Nilles**

Working with and exercising rescue danes

**Nikki Riggsbee**

Donation

Please let us know of any upcoming events in your area!



## Great Dane Rescue of Tampa Bay, Inc. is On-Line!

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## A Bone To Pick

Boy, do our dane children love to chew! I have a couple rescues at my home that should be renamed, "termite" because they chew everything! One even went so far as to chew the legs on the chair I was sitting on. Danes need sturdy, indestructible toys. I know a lot of people who give their danes rawhide bones. This can be very dangerous. A dane can chew off very large pieces of rawhide and swallow it whole. It can then become lodged in their throat making it impossible to breathe. If it makes it down the throat, it can then get stuck in the intestines causing a bowel obstruction. If not caught in time, death is the end result. Instead, try to give them Nylabones, Kong toys, indestructible balls, and sterilized natural bones. These will also help keep their teeth clean!

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## **From The Litter Box**

We received a call from Citrus Animal Control after someone dropped off male & female danes and their 3 day old puppies. They had 9 puppies, 3 of which died on the way to Animal Control from Flea Anemia and another 3 died during the night when the mother stepped on them. The 3 remaining puppies, mom & dad were all severely anemic & required iron supplements. The dad needed a blood transfusion. The mom was only 8 moths old & weighed 78lbs. Today all are healthy & happy!!! Mom- Jenna, Dad- Jasper, & all 3 puppies- Mattie, Juno and Miles, have been fixed & adopted!

## **Rescue Wish List**

- LAND!** We want to build bigger & better housing for the danes!
- Dry Dog Food!** The danes currently in rescue eat 30lbs PER DAY! (We keep Purina Dog Chow as our base food)
- Canned Dog Food**
- Comforters, Blankets, Dog Beds**
- Crates**
- Leashes & Collars**
- Dog Cookies & Treats**
- Money**
- Trailer-** Enclosed to pick up dog food
- Items we can Raffle at events**
- Frontline/Advantage**
- Grooming Services**
- Industrial Dryer**
- Copier Paper**