



Hand Me Down Dobes, Inc.

Every Dobe Deserves a Forever Home

Winter 2011

'TIS THE SEASON

Ho, Ho, Ho, and Happy Holidays from Hand Me Down Dobes! As the holiday season approaches, many of us experience feelings of anticipation, excitement, and a touch of nostalgia as we reflect on the past year. There have been some exciting changes at HMDD as we continue to move in a positive direction. We have implemented a team-oriented approach in running our organization, helping it operate more smoothly, efficiently, and balanced. Due to enormous success, we have added Dash for Dobes as an annual spring fundraiser. Last but not least, we have had several new volunteers and foster families join our group. Every part of our organization is comprised of volunteers - there are no paid positions at HMDD. Each and every volunteer makes a difference and we need you! Please consider volunteering your time and talent in the new year.

Amid the change and growth, HMDD has remained focused on placing homeless Dobermans into loving, forever homes. Despite the struggling economy and hardship for many, we have placed over 60 deserving Dobes into wonderful homes this past year. We would like to highlight one particular story, one of stars aligning, of things meant to be, a love story.



Caesar joined HMDD in August of 2008 when his original owners were no longer able to keep him. This handsome, manly doberboy was soon adopted by a loving family. Hannah was pulled from an animal shelter by HMDD in December of 2008. We found a home to fit Hannah's personality, and she was adopted. Sadly, Hannah's mom passed away and this dobergirl returned to us in August of 2010. Sweet and loving, this now mature girl waited 8 long months to find her forever home. The Masson family opened their hearts to Hannah, and she was adopted in April of 2011. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Caesar found himself back in our program in July of 2011.

The Masson family found that they had the love, time, and energy for one more rescued Doberman and they decided to attend our August adoption event. Hannah was known for not always being dog-friendly, so they brought her to the event to insure that she would tolerate another Dobe. When Caesar and Hannah met, it was love at first sight. It was obvious she had met the dog of her dreams! The Masson's took both dogs outside together, and Hannah kept bumping up against Caesar and licking him. When they separated the dogs to walk, Hannah actually cried until she could be back beside her new man! And they are living happily ever after!



THANK YOU FOSTER HOMES

We would like to take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude to all of our past and present foster homes. When compared to many Doberman rescues, one of the major differences of HMDD is that our dogs are placed into a foster home setting before being available for adoption. Our rescued Dobes are often pulled from animal shelters. Some have never lived in the comforts of a home, had regular meals, or a kind touch.

Foster families take in these sometimes frightened, untrained, skinny dogs and in only a few short weeks transform them into confident, well-mannered companion animals. Through training, consistency, patience and love these Dobes are rehabilitated and readied for a loving, forever home.

Thank you for all that you do!

A Message from the Board of Directors

2011 has been a very interesting and challenging year. HMDD has continued to be blessed with the best core of volunteers of any non-profit organization in the world. Special recognition for their time and efforts needs to be given to:

All our foster homes. Without the foster network, HMDD would be an average rescue. We are able to evaluate and place our Dobes because we have knowledge of their behavior and needs. Our return rate is very low because of the diligence of our foster homes.

Our Vets and their support staff. Applesed Valley and Village Gate treat our “kids” as if they were their own. In addition to the basic day-to-day care they give, we would not be able to take care of our special needs dogs without the help of “our” Vets.

Cedar Creek Canine Center. Andy, Becky, Andy, Jr., and Cassie Zoll are always willing to help. Without the training and boarding they provide, HMDD would have not been able to adopt many of our kids. They have truly saved their lives.

Carla at Dog’s Rule. She gave us her time and her facility, in addition to monetary support. It has been a great run at Dog’s Rule. We wish her the best in 2012 and hope you all will continue to support her.

Gwenn, Cindi, Vonnie, and Sue for the countless hours they toiled to set up and run the 1st Dash for Dobes. Our entire fundraising committee is to be commended for their efforts to help keep our ship afloat.

All of **you**, who transported dogs, picked-up records and mail, completed home visits, publicized us on the radio station, manned our booths at events, helped with Pictures with Santa, and wrangled dogs. THANK YOU!!

And the biggest thanks of all---to all of OUR ADOPTERS, DONORS and FRIENDS!!!! You have made us what we are today.

Don, Gwenn, Kathy, Brad and Sheryle

Bring Your Pets For Photos With Santa Help Support HMDD!

Saturday, Dec. 17
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Hilliard PetSmart, Columbus

Saturday, Dec. 17
Sunday, Dec. 18
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Fairlawn PetSmart,
Akron

HMDD receives part of the proceeds from photos!

A Look Back at 2011’s Fundraisers....

The year began with several sick dogs who needed some serious medical attention and HMDD does not turn away an animal just because of the cost of care. To afford these medical expenses we always look for ways we can raise money through donations and fundraising. In January when we had 3 dogs come in who all would have medical bills in the thousands we quickly got to work on coming up with a new fundraising idea. Dash for Dobes, a 5k race and 1 mile walk was born and on the only dry day in April we held our race. 200 people attended this first 5k race for Hand Me Down Dobes and we brought in enough money to cover most of the medical costs for these sick dogs.

This past spring and fall we also had our Yankee Candle sale. Over the years these sales have been a big success, but with the economy not improving we were not quite as successful this year.

In the fall we held the 17th annual Doberfest at Companion Dog Park in Delaware, Ohio. Doberfest is hard to call a fundraiser when it’s more like a family reunion but it has been our main fundraiser for many years. For the past couple of years we have had about 100 dogs attend throughout the day and our guest are very generous while at Doberfest. The joy and happiness that everyone experiences when they attend Doberfest is hard to put into words. All in all it was a great event and our plan is that Doberfest will be around for many years to come.



We also held three on-line silent auctions this year with the first being a Valentine Day auction. This auction had a lot of great jewelry pieces with some unique Doberman jewelry. We held our annual Doberfest auction and we will be having a Christmas Auction this year as well.

For all of these events we try to contact all of our adopters and supporters via email, so if you have not received any emails with notification of Auctions or Events, please email handmedowndobes@hddd.org so we can add you to our list or correct the email address we already have for you.

Reflection

Hand Me Down Dobes always takes in dogs of need, regardless of age or medical problems. We have opened our hearts and homes to so many over the years. Most of our rescues have wonderful, happy endings. Despite all our efforts, however, sometimes we must say goodbye too soon.

Britta was a puppy mill rescue who came to us this past spring. A sweet and gentle soul, Britta had probably never known a life other than being bred, raising puppies, then having these puppies taken away from her at an early age to be sold. Although in poor condition, Britta blossomed with the love and care of her foster family. Suddenly and without warning, she could barely stand, walking only a few steps before collapsing. Her foster dad immediately took her to the veterinary hospital where emergency surgery was performed. Dear Britta had a fast-growing form of liver cancer that had spread internally. Although her time with us was too short, this sweet dobergirl's last days were not hungry, cold ones, but spent with a foster family who loved her very much.

Max was originally rescued by HMDD around the age of three and was adopted into a wonderful home. Due to the passing of his owner, we welcomed Max back into our program last December at the age of twelve. HMDD carefully placed Max into a foster family who provided him with the patient, loving senior care he deserved. With deep sadness HMDD said goodbye to dear Max this past October.

Violet was a weak, thin dobergirl, pulled from an animal shelter in February of 2010. Immediate veterinary care was provided and Violet underwent surgery to remove cancerous tumors. Surgical complications arose as it was discovered that this sweet girl was allergic to anesthesia. Violet's cancer has been successfully managed, but she is now suffering from congestive heart failure. Violet is spending her remaining days with the foster family who has loved her since she joined HMDD. With all of her medical issues, Violet's foster family reports that she is one of the sweetest, most loving dogs they have ever had. They shared "Violet has the warmest spirit about her that will break even the coldest heart". Violet will still get up to greet them with her little stub wagging.

We could not give Dobes like Britta, Max, and Violet the love and medical care they need during their final days without your gift of giving. With your support, Hand Me Down Dobes can provide hospice as well as long term senior care for this deserving breed.

We pause to reflect on all the pets and loving companions that we have lost this past year. Although gone, their paw prints remain on our hearts forever.





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Ohio's Premier Doberman Rescue Group

Dash for Dobes 2012

Winter may be coming but the planning for the 2012 Dash for Dobes 5k Race is getting under way. Come Run or Walk for "Those that have left Paw Prints on our Hearts" the last weekend of April. We will be posting the location shortly.

The Dash for Dobes race is not only about Hand Me Down Dobes but it also is bringing awareness for Pure Breed Rescue groups. Six other purebred rescue groups set up the day of the race. Twelve vendors that all were sponsors for the race were there as well. We would like to thank again our two Platinum sponsors: Dog's Rule Doggy Day Care in Grove City and Orthopaedic Spine Center at Polaris.

To help advertise our event and support our sponsors we were lucky to have NBC 4 announce our race and Fox 28 Morning had us on to talk about the race. We also could be heard on WVXG 95.1 in Columbus. We are now looking for Sponsors for 2012's race and could use your help. If your company would like to sponsor and help to support these wonderful animals, please contact Gwenn at gwenn@hmdd.org and we will send you a sponsorship letter. As a sponsor for Dash for Dobes your company name will be advertised on the flyers, website, tee-shirts and at the event. You do not need to be a company to sponsor this event if you have a pet "That has left Paw Prints on your Heart" and would like make a donation in their name, we will put your pet's name on the back of the shirt and honor them the day of the race.

We will also be selling heart-shaped Paw Prints for you to personalize. We will have them lining the race path, so everyone can see the names of these wonderful pets who have made such an impact on all of us.

If you are unable to attend Dash for Dobes, you can still be a part of the day's activities by being a Virtual Runner. You will receive a race shirt for your participation.

After the first of year we will have the 2012 web page up and running so keep checking in for new activities and different ways that you can participate in this fun event.

Let's Go Shopping!



HMDD has some wonderful gift ideas for the holidays at our eBay store. These items are easily accessed from our website.

Our insulated travel mug is heavy stainless steel, has a non-slip bottom, and is generously sized to hold 16 oz. of hot or cold liquids. The HMDD logo is on both sides and this item comes in a gift box.

For the Dobe lover, we have Doberman

Christmas ornaments. These 4" painted metal wreaths have a black and rust Doberman silhouette in the center. You can choose either a cropped or natural eared version.

How about a pair of Doberman earrings? We have nicely detailed drop style earrings with a Doberman silhouette made from copper.



HMDD's own "Dog Gone Good Cooking" cookbook has some delicious recipes to try! This cookbook has something to offer everyone, including some tried-and-true dog treats. Some notable recipes include Stuffed Mushrooms on page 5, Chicken Enchiladas on page 22, and Pull Apart Bread on page 31.

Here is a recipe your dogs will love! Dobie Cookies from Karrie Miller

1/2 cup corn meal	2/3 cup beef broth
6 Tbl. oil	2 cups whole-wheat flour

Mix dry ingredients together, then add wet ingredients. Roll into ball. On floured surface roll out to 1/4 inch, cut with cookie cutter. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes. Store in an airtight container.

Let's not forget gifts for our favorite furkids! We have a nice assortment of colorful collars and leashes. Just in time for the cold winter ahead, we have new fleece dog coats that your special friend will love.