



2019 Annual report

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League

The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, Inc. (MAGDRL) was organized in 1979 to serve the seven states of the Mid-Atlantic region. The organization is a DC corporation and has a charitable tax-exemption under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

MAGDRL is staffed completely by volunteers. Like all humane groups, MAGDRL is in the unique position of helping both humans and pets. In our case, the pets are Great Danes and mixed Dane dogs, and the people are those who have or want the companionship of the breed or, often, just dogs in general.

MAGDRL helps people to:

- Determine the right breed of dog for their lifestyle
- Find healthy and companionable Danes that fit their circumstances
- Find loving replacement homes for Danes they can no longer keep
- Become knowledgeable about the care and training of their Great Danes
- Resolve their Danes physical/behavioral problem
- Overcome the grief at the loss of their loved pet
- Stretch their tax dollar by assuming the Dane burden from public shelters

MAGDRL helps Danes:

- By providing for the rescue and care of those who have been abandoned, neglected, and/or abused by their previous owners
- We spay/neuter and provide medical treatment as necessary to return the Dane back to good health
- We supply training/socialization to ensure their adaptability to new, good homes
- We work to place rescue Danes to people who provide secure, loving, and healthy homes



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Message

From

Our

President



It is a real challenge for any non profit to stay afloat under normal circumstances and this year MAGDRL, not to mention the entire world, got hit by a global pandemic that pretty much stopped everyone's business in its tracks. So many of us have found ourselves working from home, or worse, furloughed and on unemployment, or our spouses or other family members have been negatively impacted. The stress of worrying about contracting such a devastating virus has taken its toll on all of us, emotionally, financially and physically as we are forced to sit in our homes and stress over what's to come.

MAGDRL has been doing its part to keep social distancing, we canceled all events and group meetings. We put all home visits on hold and Dane evaluations to be done only in the most urgent circumstances. We delayed adopters meeting our orphans. We will continue to practice social distancing and wear masks and gloves when out and about. Our annual meeting this year was supposed to be held in MD, instead we are doing a video conference. We know there will always be challenges to face, but this one really shook us. But I have to say I am so very proud of every MAGDRL chapter and all of our volunteers. No one has let it get them down or stopped taking care of the orphans who need us. And most of our applicants are so understanding of the need for us to put their safety and the safety of our volunteers first. MAGDRL is a strong organization and will survive this. We have our volunteers, members and benefactors to thank for that. So thank you all for all you have done and continue to do for our MAGDRL Danes. Like you, I look forward to when we can all get together again with our Danes as we all love to do. In the meantime, I pray for everyone's safety, for good health for all and for all to get through these scary times unscathed. Never have I been more proud of the organization I love and its members and volunteers.

As always I remain honored and privileged to be your President.

MaryFran

Rescue In Need

Meet Regina



Regina is a pretty blue female Dane with natural ears who is approximately 11 months old. She came from a shelter where she was found as a stray. They detected a heart murmur and thought she would do best in rescue where she could receive the care she may need to address her heart issue.

Regina does indeed have a heart issue and has been diagnosed with congenital heart disease, specifically, severe pulmonic valvular stenosis (PS) with significant right ventricular hypertrophy. She does not have any arrhythmias or congestive heart failure at this time. She is a candidate for pulmonic valve balloon valvuloplasty and we will be researching for a cardiac surgeon to do this for her. Right now Regina is a normal happy go lucky sweet Great Dane puppy who loves to romp and play. She is currently being fostered with 3 other Danes (1 male/2 females) and a few cats and gets along with them all. She is crate trained, housebroken and loves everyone she meets. Regina is very smart and pretty mellow for her age although she can get the zoomies like the best of them. She has learned "sit" and "wait", "down" and "kennel". She is currently on medical hold until her cardiac issue can be treated. Although it will not be a cure, we are hoping it can extend her life for a few years. Regina came to MAGDRL in March 2020



MAGDRL 2019

Board of Directors & Chapter Coordinators

Board of Directors

- 🐾 **President – MaryFran Cini**
- 🐾 **Vice President – Cathy Dlugosz**
- 🐾 **Fundraising & Grants – Pat Ali**
- 🐾 **Legislative –**
- 🐾 **Policy & Procedures – Courtney Vogenitz**
- 🐾 **Publicity – Domenick Salvemini**
- 🐾 **Secretary – Gay Ann Wayne**
- 🐾 **Statistics – Jean Padgett**
- 🐾 **Treasurer – Christina Buckner**
- 🐾 **Volunteers-Kristen Hill**

Each of MAGDRL's 6 Chapters is overseen by a Coordinator who goes through a probationary period. If they adhere to policies and procedures developed by the Board of Directors, they may be permanently appointed by our president.

Chapter & Assistant Coordinators

- 🐾 **Maryland – Diana Havlin**
- 🐾 **New Jersey – MaryFran Cini
Pat Ali – Asst Coordinator**
- 🐾 **New York – Gay Ann Wayne
KD Lathrop – Asst Coordinator**
- 🐾 **Pennsylvania & Delaware – Sara Sweinhart
John Warren – Asst Coordinator PA**
- 🐾 **Virginia – Kristen Hill
Sandy McCollum – Asst Coordinator**
- 🐾 **West Virginia – Teresa Griffith
Charlie Hall – Asst Coordinator
Jane Tweddell – Asst Coordinator**

Although MAGDRL receives some large donations, much of our income is from small donations.

All funds raised by Chapters are sent to our central treasury to ensure accounting accuracy.

We LOVE our MAGDRL Volunteers!


MAGDRL is sustained by 236 volunteers in our six Chapters. All of the volunteers from president, to foster parents, to those who perform home visits and Dane evaluations — and much more — donate their time to help the Great Danes in our rescue.

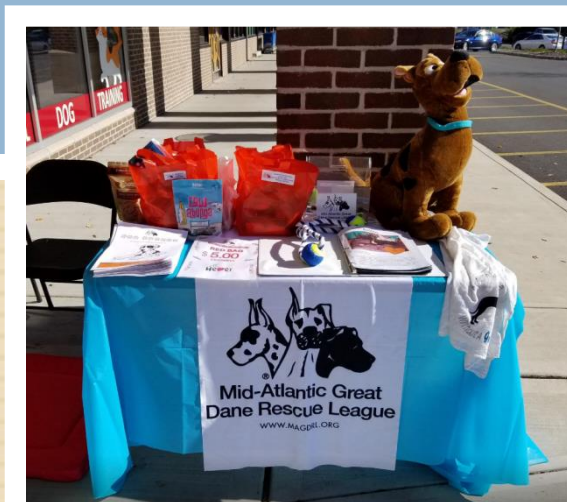
No one in MAGDRL receives financial compensation, yet all are happy to give of themselves and donate their time. Our volunteers come from an array of professions and have a diverse field of knowledge. There are no skill requirements for volunteers and almost every talent can be put to good use. Some volunteers do paperwork and some raise funds, others edit or write articles for our Rescuers Record newsletter. This quarterly magazine is filled with volunteer activities, health and training tips and articles, and is geared toward improving the lives of Great Danes and their owners.

Each year volunteers make a nominal donation for membership which qualifies them to vote in our annual Board of Directors election, provides insurance coverage, and gives them access to volunteer training and our newsletter.

Volunteer Dues this year were reduced from \$40 family/\$25 individual to \$15 family/\$10 individual.

Although no two volunteers are alike, there is one thing that binds us together: Our love and compassion for the Gentle Giants in our care. Our Great Danes may be seen at meet and greets events, fundraisers, local festivals, Pet Expos and in many other venues. MAGDRL volunteers hold their Dane's lead as they educate the public about life with Danes and general dog care.

Without the countless hours donated by our volunteers who are our friends, neighbors, and other Dane owners, the public might not get a complete picture of life with a Great Dane. No matter what each volunteer contributes, each and every one is vital to the success of this organization. We LOVE our volunteers, they are the backbone of MAGDRL. 



Volunteers

2019 Year End Financial Statement (Pre-audit)

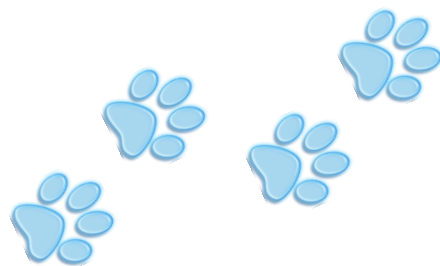
Income		
	Fundraisers	\$0.00
	Adoption Donations	\$34,225.00
	General Donations (Includes Meet & Greet Donation)	\$82,122.29
	Merchandise Income	\$3,646.50
	Special Needs Donations	\$2,576.00
	Membership Donations	\$4,015.00
	Grants	\$0.00
	Application Donations	\$2,813.00
	Miscellaneous - interest, postage & handling, sales tax, spay/neuter deposit, in-kind income, etc.	\$7,810.68
	Memorial Donations	\$8,116.00
	Surrender Donations	\$1,400.00
	Total Income	\$146,724.47
Expenses		
	Veterinary Bills	\$98,355.97
	Donations	\$25,000.00
	Boarding	\$19,062.19
	Fundraisers, Expo Booth Fees, Event Supplies, Goodies	\$1,646.35
	Newsletter Printing & Supplies	\$0.00
	Merchandise Purchases	\$1,016.75
	Fees - bank, state filings, information technology, trademark fee, bulk mail permit, PO Box rental, phone, sales tax, shelter fees, spay/neuter deposit refund, pet insurance	\$5,676.64
	Postage	\$1,172.22
	Supplies - office, packing/shipping	\$247.98
	Foster Dog Supplies - evaluation, training, equipment, etc.	\$1,356.80
	Insurance	\$5,356.00
	Advertising & Public Relations	\$137.21
	Audit & Taxes	\$8,400.00
	Legal Expenses	\$0.00
	Total Expenses	\$167,428.11
	Net Income	(\$20,703.64)



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2019 Statistics



Reason	2019	2018	2017
Abuse/Neglect/Seizure	43	40	19
Aggression w/ Other Animals	49	33	39
Aggression w/ People	32	12	35
Cannot Handle	39	49	
Divorce	15	23	14
Doesn't Want	28	44	40
Financial Problems	22	30	19
Health Concerns w/ Dane	18	32	30
Housing	26	37	
In Shelter	23	28	12
Moving	23	21	30
New Baby	8	7	4
No Time	28	22	58
Other	68	52	99
Other Temperament Concerns	22	25	37
Owner Medical Problems	28	43	33
Stray	22	13	21
Unknown	45	40	34
Grand Total	539	551	524

Disposition	2019	2018	2017
Adopted	96	58	72
Euthanized/Died	11	12	8
Owner Placed / Retained	376	415	387
Returned to Breeder	17	1	22
Still in Rescue	39	65	35
Grand Total	539	551	524

Color	2019	2018	2017
Black	119	116	124
Blue	59	59	48
Fawn / Brindle	59	61	65
Harlequin / Mantle / Merle		179	160
Harlequin	58		
Mantle	45		
Merle	72		
Unknown	101	120	115
White/Deaf/Blind	26	16	12
Grand Total	539	551	524

Age	2019	2018	2017
Unknown	76	75	74
< 6 Months	39	32	40
6 - 11 Months	31	42	38
1-3 Years	169	181	153
3-5 Years	149	139	149
> 6	75	82	70
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Sex	2019	2018	2017
Female	231	237	200
Male	275	269	294
Unknown	33	45	30
Grand Total	539	551	524

Average # Days In Rescue

2019	2018	2017
151	120	126





More 2019 Statistics

- ✿ The number of inquiries to surrender a Dane has decreased slightly in 2019. There were 539 inquiries in 2018 compared to 551 in 2018 representing a decrease of 2.2%.
- ✿ The number of Danes adopted in 2019 was 96 which is up by 38 while the number of Danes in rescue at the end of 2019 is 39 which is down by 26. The average number of days in rescue has increased this year to 151 compared to 120 days in 2018. This is due to some Danes that have been in rescue for many years that had been adopted or died this year.
- ✿ The ages of 1-3 years of age remains the most common years that a Dane is being surrendered or considered to surrender followed by ages of 3-5 years.
- ✿ The top reason for wanting to give-up a Dane is aggression with people and animals and remains high followed by "Abuse/Neglect/Seizure", "Cannot Handle" and "Owner Medical Problems"

2019 MAGDRL Volunteers

- ✿ Our Chapters: Maryland & DC, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia
- ✿ DC had 5 Volunteers & 1 Approved Current Foster
- ✿ DE had 6 Volunteers
- ✿ MD had 33 Volunteers & 4 Approved Current Fosters
- ✿ NJ had 54 Volunteers & 22 Approved Current Fosters
- ✿ NY had 30 Volunteers & 13 Approved Current Fosters
- ✿ PA had 39 Volunteers & 11 Current Approved Fosters
- ✿ VA had 60 Volunteers & 9 Approved Current Fosters
- ✿ WV had 9 Volunteers & 6 Approved Current Fosters



AGENDA



MAGDRL 2019 Annual Meeting

Saturday May 2, 2020

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions our Meeting will be held virtually

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Welcome, Introductions and Thank You's

President - *MaryFran Cini*

Reading and review of minutes from last year's meeting:

Secretary – *Gay Ann Wayne*

Reports:

Fundraising & Grants Director – *Pat Ali*

Policy and Procedures Director – *Courtney Vogenitz*

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Old Business

Formsite

Storage of Paperwork

New Business

- ☐ COVID-19 Impact
- ☐ Chapter Challenges
- ☐ Review of BOD changes put in place to help our orphans

Election Results

Adjournment

