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MAGGIE #3325



ARE YOU A  
**golden retriever**  
BELIEVER?





# GOLDEN LOVE IS INFECTIOUS ...BUT SO IS COVID-19

## The PICNIC HAS BEEN (sadly) POSTPONED ONCE AGAIN

### Golden Rescue cares about you, our rescue family!

We have been monitoring the changing situation of the fourth wave (Delta variant outbreak) and as a result, we have made the decision to postpone our 2021 30th Anniversary Golden Rescue Picnic – Take 2 on Saturday September 18th, 2021 at Viamede Resort.

The health and safety of our Golden Retrievers and our rescue community continues to be our highest priority. We are committed to keeping our volunteers, fosters, adopters, and supporters protected during these uncertain times. Canada's response to navigating the pandemic and providing vaccines has been exemplary and we want to continue to do our part to stay safe.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has continued to support us through this ongoing pandemic by purchasing Wishbone Lottery tickets, becoming a monthly donor, attending our virtual events, and through your donations. We want you to know how much you are appreciated.

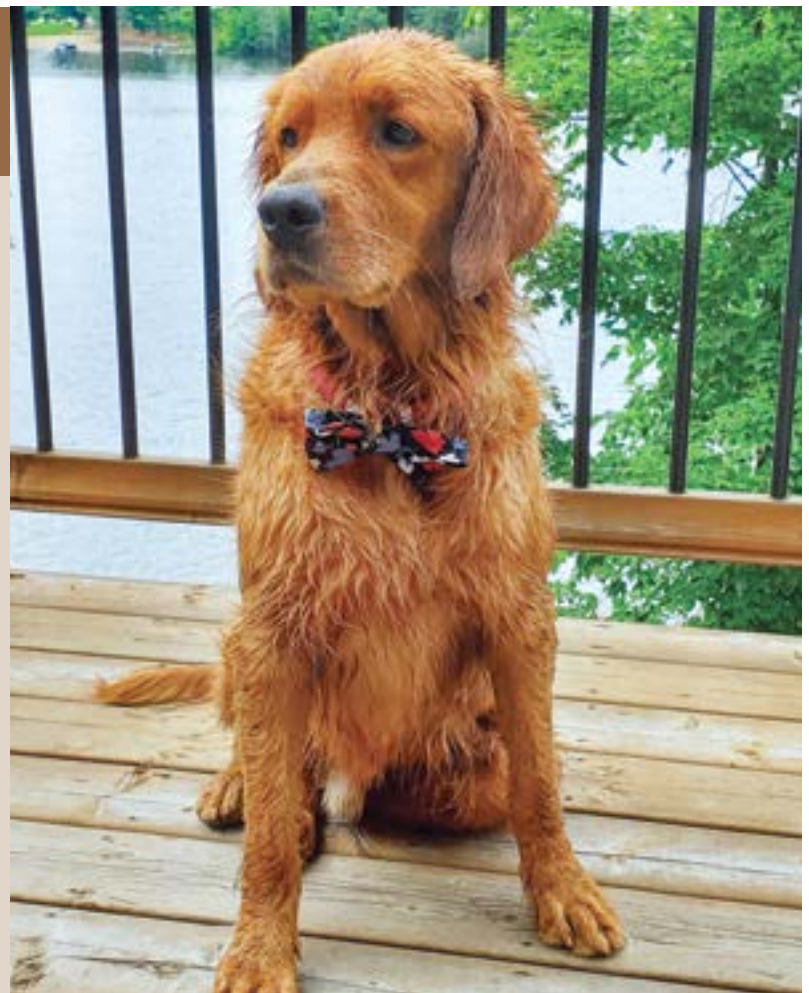
Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Rescue never stops and neither do we! We CANNOT wait to celebrate with all of you next year at our 30th Anniversary Golden Rescue Picnic ~ Take 3!

## MEET & GREET Cairo #3607

Cairo, as you can probably guess, is from the streets of Cairo. This amazing boy has adapted to Canadian life very well. Mind you, what is not to love as he now has two homes ~ one right on the water. Cairo was obviously abused in his previous life as he shies away from brooms and raised hands. Today, there is barely a sign of past traumas ~ in fact, he loves being touched, brushed, petted, and generally made a fuss over. If Cairo could talk, here's what he would likely say, "Thank you to all the kind people who put time and effort in getting me to Canada. I love my new mommy and dad. I love the homemade treats dad makes for me...much better than store-bought. What is this green stuff on the ground? I only ever saw concrete in Cairo. I finally figured out you can use it also as a bathroom instead of the concrete around the pool. I get to live in two houses ~ one in Ottawa with everything I need and the other is a cottage where I learned to swim, fetch, and chase dragonflies on the dock. There are always new experiences wherever I go. I love Canada. Somebody mentioned 'snow' a few times so not sure if I will like what is being described but time will tell."

Don't worry Cairo ~ snow is really cool (yuk yuk).

**Natalie & Paul**







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## The Front Cover

**Maggie #3325** ~ Since coming to Canada in September 2020, Maggie has fit right in! She has a brother named Cash who we adopted the year prior from Lebanon and she has some cat brothers and sisters who she loves very much. She loves to go for walks and car and boat rides. She's always with us but if for whatever reason she can't come, she takes a shoe from each of us to her bed and lays with them. Every night when she's ready for bed, she goes to her toy bin and grabs a baby and sleeps with it all night. We can't imagine our life without Maggie and she's been such a blessing in our lives and everyone she meets. She always has the zoomies where she runs as fast as she can with her brother. We are so happy we decided to adopt Maggie ~ it was the best decision!

**Gabi & Benji**

**P.S. Maggie is also Ms. August in the 2022 calendar... how exciting!!**

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**Golden Rescue gives second chances to Golden retrievers in need.**

Our mission is simple and straightforward because that's who we are and that's what we do. Our volunteer-run organization, led by a volunteer, working board of directors, is dedicated to ensuring that each and every rescued Golden receives exceptional care, regardless of the extent of their needs. We provide veterinary care, rehabilitation, behaviour training, and numerous other services to help our Golden retrievers prepare for their second chance with a loving forever family. We also help educate people about the virtues of rescue as rescue is our favourite breed.

At the root of everything we do are our core values ~ integrity, kindness, compassion ~ all delivered without judgment. These are our guiding principles that drive our purpose and sustain our ability to continually wrap our arms around Golden retrievers who so desperately need our help.

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Betty with Shadow #1342



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GEORGIE #2267

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us, have fun, and help our Golden Retrievers!

**Sat Sep 11**

**PARKDALE PETFEST**

10 am – 4 pm

Parkdale Community Assoc., 3512 5 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB

**Sat Sep 25**

**ONLINE TRIVIA GAME**

8 pm

Featuring 'Words & Meanings' ~ only \$5 to play!

**Fri Oct 15 – Sun Oct 17**

**BALA CRANBERRY FESTIVAL**

3060 Muskoka District Road 169, Bala, ON

**Coming in November (dates TBD): GOLDEN RESCUE'S ONLINE AUCTION**

**Coming in December (dates TBD): WEEKENDS AT THE OSHAWA MARKET**

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# Preparing for the New 'Normal'

Most people would agree that the last year and a half has been life altering and turned all of our world upside down. Adults have been working from home in ways we never have before and kids have been learning online and suddenly the classroom is a computer screen somewhere in the family home. Many have welcomed new canine family members into an environment where everyone is spending a lot more time together in much closer quarters, mostly because of Covid lockdowns and quarantines. Fortunately, lifesaving vaccines are now available, providing much needed hope to the world, which is allowing us to slowly return to a more 'normal' social existence. Restrictions have started easing and as September draws near, students are preparing to return to school and adults are slowly starting to return to work outside the home. For our dogs, this new reality of being home alone more often can cause anxiety unless we properly prepare them ahead of time. Also, as a result of the pandemic, many of our dogs have been under-socialized and as we emerge from our Covid bubbles, they are now encountering more people and dogs. The best thing we can do for everyone is to start preparing for these eventual changes now. Doing this, while you're still at home, will help make the transition smoother, remove a lot of stress, and prevent your dog from developing separation anxiety. It will also allow you to fully focus on your dog without the extra distraction of you leaving the house to work again.

There are some simple dog training techniques that you can blend into your existing daily activities that will make a huge difference in how well your dog handles you

going back to work and not being around all the time. The first exercise can be done when you're at home relaxing with your dog. You could be sitting, maybe watching TV or reading a book, with your dog lying by your side. At some point you will have to get up to leave the room, perhaps to use the washroom or get a glass of milk. When you stand up, immediately your dog will stand up and look at you as if to say, "Where are we going?" This is the same instinct that a puppy has to follow their mother in the wild. At some point, the mother must leave her puppies alone in the den to find food because she can't go hunting with a whole troop of puppies following her. So, to teach her puppies to stay, she goes into the den and lies down. All the puppies come in and follow her. At some point she stands up and the very first puppy that tries to follow gets snapped at in front of their nose. This quick, sharp movement startles them and then she stiffens her whole body and turns away with her chin up looking at the puppy only through the side of her eyes. She remains stiff using her body language to communicate until the puppy gets the message and lays back down. Only when the puppy has laid back down does she turn and leave. We are going to use the same method. When you stand up and your dog stands up and looks at you as if to say, "Where are we going?", you are going to turn to the dog and snap your fingers in front of their nose and straighten your back making your whole body stiff with your chin pointed up and away while looking down at them out of the corner of your eye. This is like a game of chicken. Whoever moves first loses, so you must remain in this stiff stance

until your dog lies back down. Once they do, you will typically hear them let out a defeated breath or a big sigh. At this point, you can turn your back and leave the room. You may need to repeat the process a few times until your dog gets the message. Eventually you will be able to leave the room completely with your dog lying down comfortably knowing that you will come back. When you do return, it's important that when you enter your home you avoid looking or talking to your dog for the first two to five minutes. Your dog will be excited to see you but if you feed that energy with high pitched excited greetings and intense eye contact, it will only reinforce that your leaving was not an ordinary thing. When your dog has calmed down then crouch and invite them into your space. Once the dog enters your space you can give them lots of love and affection. Keep practicing this exercise until you can leave the house and stay away for a while without your dog getting anxious and misbehaving.

Now that Covid restrictions are letting up, we are also finding that many dogs have been under-socialized, just like us. To socialize them properly, I recommend setting up short meetings with other dogs for when you are out on a walk. This is a great way to introduce your dog to new social situations while helping them to feel safe and secure at the same time. The technique is simple and easy to implement in your daily lives. As you approach a new dog, take the lead and go first, letting your dog follow behind you. This is important because if they are let out in front, then they may feel like they have to be your protector and this can lead to anxiety and the potential for a negative encounter



## MEET & GREET Forest #3599

Forrest arrived in Toronto covered in a fine dust, hair all matted, and an odour only a mother could love. Once out of the crate, walked, and watered, he jumped into the car apparently all ready for the five-hour drive to Ottawa. Within minutes he was lying with his head on our lap. Initially curious with his new surroundings, he eventually fell sound asleep for the rest of the journey. Forrest loves human contact at all times and he follows us everywhere. He loves the car and is so disappointed when he sees us going off to work without him. But shortly after we leave, he goes for a snooze on the sofa or lies on his Barbie blanket. Forrest is such a part of our entire family/pack ~ in just a short while he has stolen our hearts and it is like he has always been here. We hate comparing him to our past dogs, but he is a combination of all their amazing traits and has been sent to us by those before him. Thank you to Golden Rescue for bringing this amazing young boy into our lives.

Scott, Jen & Erin





with the other dog. Taking the lead will let your dog know that you are protecting them and that they're safe as you approach this new dog. They will be able to relax and feel confident that you are in charge, and they don't have to be. Remember, for many dogs and rescues in particular, they may have already had a bad experience with another dog, so feeling safe and secure is extremely important. And after living almost exclusively with you and your family during the pandemic to suddenly meeting and interacting with others can be overwhelming so it's important that you go slow and show them that there is nothing to be afraid of. You can facilitate a friendly greeting between two dogs by slowly approaching the new dog with your dog following behind you on a loose leash. When dogs are greeting, it's important to keep your leashes loose, so the dog doesn't feel like it's being held back. If they feel like they're on a tight leash, this can trigger the fight or flight instinct where they start thinking, "If I can't run away, I must attack", which means if your dog is on a tight leash you could be dooming your socialization efforts. So, remember to keep your leash loose with you in front leading the way. As you approach a new dog, crouch down and with a friendly hello hold out your hand palm up and outstretched for the dog to sniff. Once the approaching dog has touched its nose to your hand, loosen off more of the leash on your dog behind you. That should allow your dog to go around the other dog and curiously sniff their bum. This is the proper handshake greeting for a dog ~ you sniff my bum and I sniff yours. If they cannot sniff each other's bums, then they cannot be friends. Once everyone has had a

good sniff, they should be more comfortable socializing together.

Another way to help your dog relax as you encounter new dogs is to use the 'gentle touch' maneuver. This is a great technique to help your dog if they stiffen and get tense when another dog approaches.

What you do is place the back of your hand gently on their side, right in the crease of their back leg near their hip close to the groin area. This is simulating another dog sniffing them in greeting and it's almost impossible for your dog to remain stiff and focused on another dog approaching when you have your hand near their groin. They will naturally be distracted from the other dog and will turn and look at you, which will help them re-focus on you and your calming presence. Then you can lead them past the other dog using lots of motivation and a command like, "okay let's go" with a pat on your leg. Walk your dog away from the other until their posture returns to a more relaxed state. Avoid lingering and instead keep your dog walking and moving away. Leading your dog through the encounter calmly is important and will leave them with a more positive experience of socializing with other dogs and they will have more confidence when approaching and interacting with them in the future.

If you take some time now and prepare and socialize your dog properly using these techniques, then you can avoid the negative behaviours associated with separation anxiety and under-socialization. And your dog will feel safe and secure as well as confident knowing that you will always be there even if you must leave from time to time. They can



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

relax and enjoy life as valued members of your family as we all gradually emerge from our Covid bubbles together.

By Peter Brown, Professional Dog Trainer, Alpha Paws – [www.alphapaws.com](http://www.alphapaws.com)



## MEET & GREET Daisy #3640

Daisy must think she has died and gone to heaven. Here she is with her favourite pink bear, which she takes with her everywhere. Here's another with her mom having her first spa bath. We're pretty sure there were no pink bears or spa baths on the streets of Cairo. Cairo has also changed her new granny's life by visiting her regularly in her senior's home. Not only has she helped her through some recent tragic times, but Daisy has also become a treasured therapy dog at the residence. This girl has now put on much-needed weight and our vet thinks she's a lovely, healthy girl. She has sure changed our lives in the best possible way.

**Nadine**

# Kids do the Darndest (and the Sweetest) Things...

Carly #3586 (#carlyfromcairo) arrived in Canada on June 19th into the arms of her excited new forever family. Soon after, Carly found herself at her new family's cottage in Parry Sound. There, she met her neighbour's children, Elena and Ryan. So taken were the kids with Carly and her amazing story and journey from Cairo to Canada that, all on their own, they decided to do a fundraiser for GR and raised \$100. How wonderful is that! I don't know about you but the cockles of our hearts just got very warm! Thank you, Elena and Ryan!



## GOLDEN MOMENTS<sup>©</sup>



“Popcorn’s great Gran ~ but we could use a mop and pail in here!”

## Golden Lovers Say the Darndest Things...

**We get a lot of great answers/comments on our adoption applications ~ some are hilarious, some are touching, and some are simply pure gold. Take a peek...**

**Question:** Describe your attitude towards training a Golden and modifying unwanted behaviours.

**Answer:** I have never yelled at my dog, except once when I found her with a loaf of fresh baked bread in her jaws.

**Question:** What adjustments might you need to make to your present lifestyle in order to accommodate a Golden?

**Answer:** Vacuum more often.

**Question:** What adjustments might you need to make to your present lifestyle in order to accommodate a Golden?

**Answer:** I am a mom of triplet boys and a daughter a year younger ~ I am used to a challenge.

**Question:** Do you currently have any pets besides dogs?

**Answer:** We have a brilliant cat who grew up with our Golden and adored her. He thinks the other two dogs are definitely lesser creatures. He has a university-level education and speaks dog, cat, and English fluently.

**Question:** If you were to move, what would you do with your Golden?

**Answer:** We would take them on the house hunt with us to make sure they like it too before buying.

**Question:** What adjustments might you need to make to your present lifestyle in order to accommodate a Golden?

**Answer:** None. We are used to having the hair, the smiles, the drool, the love.

**Question:** Please tell us about everyone's experience with dogs (or other pets).

**Answer:** I have been owned by a dog since I was a baby.

**Question:** If you were to move, what would you do with your Golden?

**Answer:** Take them with...what kind of a question is that?

**Question:** Please describe your experience with Golden retrievers with respect to raising, housetraining, etc.

**Answer:** We raised our Golden retrievers as much as they raised us.



# THE TRAINING CORNER

## “It’s okay, my dog is friendly!”

This article is going to be about one of my pet peeves. We live in an area where we have a lovely ravine behind our home. It stretches for quite a distance. There’s lots of green space and it’s quite beautiful. I walk our dogs through that area every day and sometimes twice a day. Even though there’s lots of space, our dogs are always on leash. They’re either on a regular leash or a long line.

As a dog lover and trainer, one of the things that drives me crazy are people who allow their dog off leash in areas that are not designated off-leash parks. I come across this time and time again in the green space area where I walk our dogs. Many dogs do not know how to meet and greet properly and this is where situations can become dangerous and even turn ugly. Some dogs are tolerant of others, but many are not.

Often people who have their dog off leash will say “it’s okay, my dog is friendly”. That’s fine, but that doesn’t mean that my dog is friendly or will be friendly with them. If a dog goes running right up into Star’s face, there’s a good chance she’ll tell them to back off. And she’s right, because that’s simply not appropriate, in fact, it’s downright rude. Imagine a stranger coming right up into your face. How would you feel?

Appropriate greetings between dogs that are unfamiliar with each other starts with them greeting each other cautiously. The body language is often not relaxed as each dog is observing the response of the other dog. They then meet nose to nose slowly not making direct eye contact. They only spend 3 to 5 seconds at the face area and then move to the rear for 10 – 15 seconds. After that, they decide if they are going to move on, do nothing and just chill with the other dog, offer a play bow and see if it’s reciprocated or decide they don’t like the dog and react by either lunging, growling, snapping or barking. A dog that runs straight up to your dog without going through the preliminary steps is likely to be greeted with a growl, snap or bark.

Some dogs are very much like introverts. We have all known people who are very uncomfortable at a party where they hardly know anyone. You may be one of them. You try to start a conversation with someone you don’t know (or hope no one tries to start a

conversation with you) and you get stuck. You have no idea what to say next. Or you don’t know how to end the conversation so you can leave. It’s a very uncomfortable and awkward feeling.

This can also happen to dogs. They meet a new dog and sniff noses and then one of them gets stuck and doesn’t move to the rear. Or they spend too much time at the rear. Star had to learn by watching other dogs how to meet and greet appropriately. When she was young, she’d just jump into their faces ~ very bad manners indeed. Now, she won’t tolerate anyone that does that to her.

Our dogs do not meet and greet every dog they meet on our walks, for the very reason that some dogs don’t do it appropriately and I know it won’t be a pleasant experience for either dog. People often think that because dogs are social creatures, they need to meet every dog they see. But that’s not the case. People are social beings too. But do we meet and greet everyone we see on the street? Of course not. In fact, there may be some people we have no interest in meeting or purposely avoid. So why do we think our dogs should meet every dog they see?

I completely understand if you want to give your dog freedom by letting them off leash but do it where dogs are allowed to run off leash. Depending on where you live, the fine for allowing your dog off leash in a non-designated area can result in fines upwards of \$200 per dog. If you’re trying to teach your dog recall (coming when called), then put them on a 15 or 30 foot long-line. I use these on our dogs. The great thing about long lines is that most bylaws don’t stipulate a maximum length of leash. It only states that dogs must be leashed. At



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

least if your dog is on a long line and they start running towards a dog that may not appreciate it, you can quickly get your dog back to you and out of harms way.

If your dog doesn’t come back to you each and every time you call them, they are not ready to be allowed off leash, especially if you can’t call them away from another dog. More importantly, you may be putting your own dog at risk by allowing them that freedom.

### By Lynda Kitson

*Lynda Kitson is the owner of Who’s Walking Who Dog Training Centres with locations in Ajax and The Beach (Toronto) ~ [www.whoswalkingwho.ca](http://www.whoswalkingwho.ca). She lives with her husband Vaughan and three Golden Retrievers, Augie #2623, Star, and their newest addition, Tula.*



# What's in STORE for YOU!

It has only been six months since we decided to bring our general store in-house and already the difference is dramatic! Our dedicated store team have done an amazing job putting our NEW store together.

Of course, we have all the traditional stuff you all love like t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. but the team has really gone outside the box to provide you some really unique products. Here are some of our NEW items:

### Mission of Love T-shirts:

To celebrate our Mission of Love, we now have black t-shirts available with our brand-new logo.

### 2022 Calendar:

Our gorgeous 2022 calendar is now available.

### Garden Flag:

Personally designed by one of our volunteers, this Golden garden flag is a perfect addition to your garden.

### Monogrammed Door Mat:

Greet visitors to your home with your own personalized front door mat ~ a real conversation piece!

### Personalized Bird House:

Send in your favourite Golden photos and like magic, you will get a durable and totally functional bird house that will stay beautiful for years. What a great gift idea for a Golden lover.

### GR Cribbage Board:

For all you card players, get a custom-made GR cribbage board beautifully hand-crafted with pegs included.

The store has many new items that we are certain you will love ~ as gifts or for yourself.

Shopping has never been easier. Simply click 'shop' on our website. If you have any questions or need help, please email us at [grstore@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:grstore@goldenrescue.ca).



# Happy Shopping!



## Is your Golden featured in the 2022 calendar?

### COVER GOLDENS:

Felix #1994  
Nellie #3329

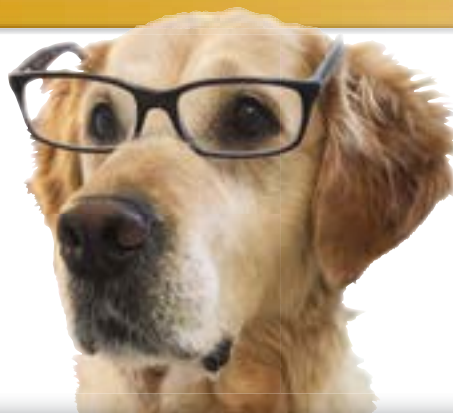
### MONTH GOLDENS:

Buddy #2624  
Levi #3232  
Murphy #683  
Jack #3478  
Winston #3515  
Finlay #2889  
Dreamer #2579  
Maggie #3325  
Ruby #3333  
Bentley #2137  
Clifford #2908  
Zahra #2924



# ask SADIE

Sadie #2963



**Dear Sadie:** Why are some dogs so afraid of thunderstorms and fireworks? I don't understand why I get so nervous whenever they happen while they don't bother others. I sometimes feel like such a wuss. Chance

**Dear Chance:** Ugh...the dreaded sounds of thunderstorms and fireworks! Putting it simply, they are loud and random ~ enough to spark any fear or anxiety that we may have. We hear twice as many frequencies as humans and, as we age, we lose the ability to pick up higher frequencies and locate the source of sounds, which can increase anxiety levels. Our fears towards thunderstorms and fireworks may be a result of how we were conditioned as young pups. There is a school of thought that believes that whatever a pup is exposed to in their first 16 weeks of life, they will not be afraid of. Therefore, if you are born in the fall or early winter when there are no thunderstorms, then you may always be afraid of them. Counter-conditioning may help conquer these fears. This would involve associating something positive (such as receiving treats or being played with) whenever these loud sounds occur. You are not a wuss...you come by your fear honestly!

**Dear Sadie:** Is there a way to determine how old a dog is if you don't know their birthdate? My humans have rescued me and need help figuring this out. Lucy

**Dear Lucy:** Great question! There are a few things we can look at to help guess your age. One is to look at your teeth. If they look clean and white, you are likely a year old or less. If your back teeth are starting to show some tartar build-up and wear, this usually occurs before the age of three. From three to five years of age, all teeth will show tartar build-up and wear and after the age of five all teeth will look worn. Another way to tell your age is to look at your eyes. If they appear cloudy, it may indicate you are older. Is your fur greying? Dogs between the ages of 7-10 will show this change, especially on the muzzle. When in doubt, your

veterinarian may be able to provide you with an educated guess. Good luck!

**Dear Sadie:** I love the water and swim a lot in the summer but sometimes I get these sores around my ears, neck or chest and they really hurt. What's going on there? Jake

**Dear Jake:** These are called 'hot spots', which occur because your fur hasn't dried properly and the wet starts to irritate the skin. It is important to get your family to dry you well especially around the neck. If they forget, look for the towel on the ground and roll around on it moaning with delight. They'll get the hint. If you are prone to hot spots, you might want to think about getting a summer hair-cut too, which will help you dry better.

**Dear Sadie:** Sometimes when I'm out and get thirsty I simply look for a puddle and take a drink. My mom always yells at me and drags me away. I don't get it. It's only water. Moody

**Dear Moody:** There's water and then there's water. Us dogs don't really differentiate but the truth is some water can be very bad for you and make you sick. Try and stick to the water your mom gives you ~ it'll always be good. BTW, try not to drink out of the toilet bowl either. Even though the water is 'fresher', it can be full of bacteria. Personally, I think it's gross!

**Dear Sadie:** Is it true that I only see in black and white? Molson

**Hi Molson:** It is a common myth that dogs can only see in black and white. We only have two cones in our eyes to detect colours, whereas humans have three. That means we see colours on a blue and yellow scale but cannot distinguish between red and green. On the other hand, we have better night vision than humans. Our eyes also take in information 25% faster than humans, making us especially talented at catching a frisbee.

Love & woof-woof Sadie xox

## MEET & GREET

### Tanner #3387

When Tanner and I met on that snowy November night last year, he settled immediately into the back seat of my car as if he knew this was home and he was safe. Shortly after his arrival, he required eye surgery which went exceptionally well and he was a real trooper. He is a lovely, smart, eager-to-please, quiet soul and I love him to bits. Ours is a remarkable journey of trust, hope, patience, and joy. Thank you for bringing Tanner and I together as we look forward to many adventures together.

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## MEET & GREET



## Azura #3636

When Azura arrived at the Toronto airport from Cairo, she would not come out of her crate...she was so frightened. I had to drive her home in her crate, which I placed in my office. I opened the door so she could come out in her own time. By the evening, we were watching TV together on the couch. Each day, Azura is getting more comfortable and trusting in her new surroundings, so much so that we're going camping together soon. She is my girl and I love her.

**Courtney**



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### Rio #3447

Rio was rescued from a terrible life in Cairo but if you ask us, Rio rescued us. His name when he arrived was Cupid, which is fitting because he brought so much love to our family. Our two daughters are in therapy to help with anxiety and ADHD and we all believe that Rio is the best therapy of all. He is the most beautiful, calm, loving Golden we have ever known. Initially he was not great with other dogs, but has learned that dogs who are on the other side of the street are okay. Our 82-year-old parents, who live with us, also love this boy and Rio loves them right back.

**Erica, Mike, Skye & Vienna**



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## MEET & GREET Shadow #3542

We were on our way to Newmarket to meet Shadow. We can't begin to tell you what it meant for us to get the call about adopting Shadow. We lost our dog Toby seven years ago. At the time, Ray was on a plane every other week (at least) for work, sometimes as far as Australia, for a lecture tour across the country so away for three weeks at a time. We had decided not to get another dog as it wouldn't be fair to the dog. Then, 2016 happened, which brought being diagnosed with cancer. 2017 was about treatments and healing. Then a tornado hit our house ~ Ottawa was hit with six tornadoes that day. It was right out of a movie, except it wasn't. After we rebuilt, we discussed having a dog again. We held off. It wasn't time. Then in 2019, we were hit with cancer again. All travel was off and just as Ray was about to get on a plane to Mumbai and Sao Paulo, Covid hit. And that was that. We had the dog conversation again, this time agreeing it was time. Having Shadow now is like a new beginning for us in so many ways ~ it's extremely emotional. He looks at us with so much love it's indescribable. He's rambunctious but he's met his match in us and is learning he can't rule the roost. His latest is gathering his leash in his mouth, finding us as if saying "Okay, training time". He literally purrs when we groom him and stares up at us with a paw on our arm not moving. Thank you doesn't begin to say it! We feel supported and know you're a phone call away in case we need some sage advice. Even more, you brought Shadow into our lives and life will never be the same ~ only infinitely better!

**Donna & Ray**





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## MEET & GREET

### Mona #3587

Mona came all the way from Cairo and is now living in Whitehorse. This world traveller is doing exceptionally well in her new home. She has already hiked a mountain and seen some pretty spectacular scenery. Her new big sister, Ruby, has been so kind and patient to Mona so all is well in our corner of this beautiful country. Life with Mona is one big adventure and we love her.

**Nicole & Donovan**



# GOLDEN RESCUE ONLINE 50-50 DRAW

## A win-win for our precious Golden Retrievers

In June, we launched our new fundraiser ~ a monthly online 50-50 draw. Our launch was a success and the first jackpot winner, Dan Waterfield, took home \$11,500!

Here is what he had to share with us:

“The email from Golden Rescue said it was the last day to buy tickets ~ not sure why I waited until the last day but I bought them. Later that night, I checked my emails to make sure that my friends and I were golfing the next day. To my surprise, there was an email from Golden Rescue advising me of my winning ticket number! I was sure it was some kind of a joke



at first. Then I said to Bonnie, “Holy cow, I think I won the GR 50/50!” To be honest, the next morning around 5:30 am, I was feeding Tokyo and Limon and I actually checked the email again in case I was dreaming. Our first introduction to Golden Rescue was back many years ago when we were lucky to adopt two fabulous brothers, Diesel #868 and Shadow #869, who we loved for eight or nine years and who we lost within seven months of each other. After six months of being ‘dog-less’, we contacted GR and found out about the Istanbul project. We became the foster-to-adopt family for Tokyo #2243 and Limon #2244. After the second day of their arrival, we adopted them. Both boys needed some TLC, good food, and of course a bath and grooming. It took them a bit of getting used to the weather that first winter but now they are bonafide Canadians and they received their citizen certificates at the picnic to prove it. We give and receive unconditional love. Our friends say Tokyo and Limon are lucky to

be living here but Bonnie and I think we are the lucky ones.”

Our Early Bird prize winners for a \$100 gift certificate from the Golden Rescue online store were Jack Mardlin (June) and Bonnie van Geene (July).

Have you visited the new 50-50 website yet (where you can find a complete list of the rules and upcoming draw dates)? Check it out at:

[www.goldenrescue5050.ca](http://www.goldenrescue5050.ca)

We need your help to continue making this a success! Please buy tickets monthly and help us spread the word. Currently, we are looking for people to help by putting up posters at their workplaces, municipal boards, bulletin boards, local pet stores ~ anywhere a poster can go! The posters will also include the QR code shown below, so anyone walking by with their cellphone can simply scan the code and it will take them directly to our 50-50 website! If you can help, please email [5050@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:5050@goldenrescue.ca) and let us know. We will happily mail out flyers to you.

**In the meantime, scan here to buy 50-50 tickets!**



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## GOLDEN MOMENTS©



“Ben and Misty go for gold in the Annual Fly Fishing Derby”

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# Our FIRST-EVER event in Alberta Pet-A-Palooza in Calgary

Rescue knows no borders. That phrase applies to provincial as well as national borders and Golden Rescue proved it with our first live event of 2021. Pet-A-Palooza, held at Calgary's Esau Claire Market on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, was billed as the social event of the year for dogs and their families. Judging by the attendance and the smiles on everyone's faces (assisted by some fine Calgary weather), that's no idle boast. According to Ron Taylor, Golden Rescue's Alberta Event Lead, "At one point we had 10 people waiting to meet our Golden Retrievers. We actually ran out of business cards and distributed nearly all of the pamphlets that we had on hand."

We're thrilled to have been welcomed so warmly by our many new friends in Calgary and would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers and visitors who made this milestone event a success. If you'd like to help out at a future Alberta event (or assist us in another capacity), please e-mail

us at [volunteer@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:volunteer@goldenrescue.ca). We have more events planned for both Calgary and Edmonton ~ check our website regularly for updates.



## ...on the move!

When Golden Rescue was first registered as a charitable organization, we were officially named the Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service, but essentially it was a group of Golden lovers in Ontario. For a number of years, we have been trying to be true to our name by broadening our reach across Canada.

Expansion of this nature is a slow process but our dream of being truly national has been helped, surprisingly, by our International Mission of Love campaign. This mission has garnered so much publicity that it literally has put us on the map. Growth started initially in Quebec some years ago where a few volunteers started to build awareness. Today, GR has a pretty strong presence in Quebec.

We now have adopters and volunteers all across Canada ~ places such as Whitehorse, Vancouver, Grand Manan Island in the Bay of Fundy, St. John's, and PEI...to name but a few.

Recent adopter and volunteer, Ron Taylor, in Alberta held an information session via Zoom to drum up interest in Alberta and we now have a number of volunteers organized with awareness events planned.

Anastassia Duncan, another GR adopter and volunteer, is moving to Vancouver and she has put her hand up to try and grow Golden Rescue in B.C. where we already have some adopters, fosters, and volunteers. Vancouver has been an extraordinarily busy hub with us helping other rescue groups bring Golden Retrievers to the U.S. via Vancouver.

So, the dream of being truly national is actually happening, slowly but surely, and we couldn't be more delighted. If you live in an area where we don't have a presence but would like to help, please contact us at [board@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:board@goldenrescue.ca).

# Saving Grace #3513

Having worked as a small animal veterinarian for the past 21 years has allowed me to work with some fantastic people and pets. Some of the most rewarding experiences I've had have involved working with rescue groups.

When I first heard about the international work that Golden Rescue was involved with, I was immediately intrigued and knew that I would want to volunteer my time with this amazing initiative. Initially, my work with Golden Rescue just involved offering discounted rates at my animal hospital for their newly imported Golden Retrievers. As time went on, I became more involved. These days, I review the Golden Retrievers' blood work pre-export to ensure they are healthy enough to travel. I often meet the new owners and Golden Retrievers when they arrive at the airport and I have just recently accepted a position on Golden Rescue's Board of Directors as an International Veterinary Liaison.

My family and I recently welcomed our own Golden Cleo #3390 from Cairo just a few months ago and we are pleased to say that she is one of the best things that has ever happened to us.

Most recently, I was asked to give my input on a very special Golden named Grace who the team was hoping to bring to Canada. I had been told that Grace was a one-year-old female Golden who was paralyzed on the hind end. She had been found as a stray dragging herself around the streets of Cairo and was brought to the shelter. I was sent photos of her and her wounds that she had incurred from months of dragging herself about. The photos were horrific. Some of her pressure sores were so severe that bone and tendons were exposed and most of the wounds were extremely infected. I was asked for my professional opinion on Grace's condition and if I thought we could offer her some hope and a better quality of life here in Canada. I immediately feared that her wounds were so severe that her hind limbs may need surgical skin grafting or amputations. I personally struggled with the decision to have a dog in such rough shape transported for over 20 hours from halfway around the world only to turn around to possibly be euthanized if we were not able to alleviate her pain and suffering. Finally, I was told that Golden Rescue had found an amazing woman named

Megan who had agreed to be Grace's new owner and would take on the responsibility of looking after her. With this news, I agreed that we should offer Grace her only chance and have her brought to Canada on the next rescue flight.

On April 17th, 2021, we all met EgyptAir MS#995 at Toronto Pearson Airport with 36 Golden Retrievers aboard and one of them, of course, was Grace. I was introduced to Megan who had agreed that once Grace was on the ground here in Toronto, she would immediately drive her to my hospital where we could assess and treat her wounds. A few hours after the flight had landed, Grace and Megan appeared at my clinic. My staff and I gasped when we saw the severity and extent of her wounds; however, we were captivated by the light and hope we saw in Grace's eyes. She was a lovely girl and we immediately knew that we needed to do everything in our power to help this poor soul.

We immediately went to work. We administered a mild analgesic and began to assess and clean her wounds. I worried that her wounds were so severe that we may eventually need to do surgical skin grafting. After consulting with one of my veterinary partners, Dr. Debbie Kilburn, our veterinary team decided to try a new procedure that involved laser therapy and impregnated manuka honey bandages to encourage healing. We told Megan that Grace would need to come back twice weekly for the next 8 to 10 weeks and have laser therapy and bandages changed each time; however, we could not guarantee that the wounds would heal. Megan would also have to learn how to express Grace's bladder multiple times per day and would need to manage her fecal incontinence as well. Megan and I had real heart-to-heart discussions and she assured me that she was up to the challenge of looking after this little girl.

Grace returned to the clinic a few days



[Click here to see Grace's amazing spirit!](#)

later. We were amazed at the immediate improvement in her wounds. The honey bandages and laser therapy were working! Once we saw how well her wounds were responding, we contacted our colleague Molly Brown, an Animal Health Technician, who specializes in animal rehabilitation services and we had Grace fitted for a custom wheelchair. Eight weeks later, Grace's wounds were miraculously fully healed and now all we could do was wait for her wheelchair to arrive.

Several weeks later, I received a video message from Megan. It was Grace in her wheelchair on day one. She took to the chair like she'd be in it for her whole life. Tears were streaming down my face as I watched Grace run for the first time with Megan running behind her begging her to slow down. It was quite honestly, the most heartwarming video I have ever seen.

Grace's story has a happy ending but I know this might not always be the case for other Golden Retrievers that we bring over. All the stars aligned for this little girl because of terrific groups of rescue volunteers both here in Canada and in Cairo, a dedicated veterinary team, a selfless family like Megan and Brent...but most of all, it was Grace's own resilience and trust in people that got her to where she is today.

Run Grace run! Your whole world awaits you!

By Dr. Scott Bainbridge

**Do not judge me by my success. Judge me by how many**





## There may not be a more poignant story about rescue than the story of Gracie.

Gracie was found on the streets of Cairo with her back end totally paralyzed. Her rear haunches, legs, and tail were scraped raw and were terribly infected. When her rescuers in Cairo found her on the street, she was cowering because children were pelting stones at her and all she could do to protect herself was to duck her head and close her eyes. Her Egyptian rescuers shooed the kids away and gently lifted Gracie up and transported her to their shelter. These street angels knew, however, that Gracie's only chance was to get her out of Egypt. They neither had the financial resources, space or time to give Gracie the kind of care she desperately needed if she was to survive.

We were asked if we could help and with

much deliberation, we decided to try as her chances of survival were much greater here than there.

It was a huge leap of faith that put Grace on a flight to Canada and an even bigger leap of faith that got Gracie into the arms of her forever family, Megan and Brent. This magnificent couple agreed to take Gracie knowing that the road ahead would be difficult. In reality, they didn't know about all the challenges they would face; however, undaunted, they opened up their hearts and home to her. Grace has now been with them several months and here's an update from Megan:

"Gracie is doing great ~ she is getting stronger every day. Her coat is really coming in and she is so beautiful. Her tail fur is totally full now and growing (although I shave the top part to keep it clean in the diaper). She has put on weight and loves, loves, loves to play. She's the only dog I've had who

actually goes to the toy basket and pulls out all the toys and plays with what's in there. Her and Henry, our other dog, have quite the bond too.

We were able to get Grace on the underwater treadmill this week. They have just been doing manual therapy and laser for now as her wounds were still too open for the water. They say she is doing really well at Ajax Rehab ~ showing all the signs of improvement and progress. There's no indication if she'll ever stand/walk again; however, she seems to be able to hold a little weight on her left leg and the thinking is that she'll be able to take some steps on the tread (fingers crossed). She loves her wheels and she zooms around the backyard chasing squirrels and chipmunks ~ she's obsessed with them and she sneaks behind the shed and watches our neighbour's wood pile for critters."

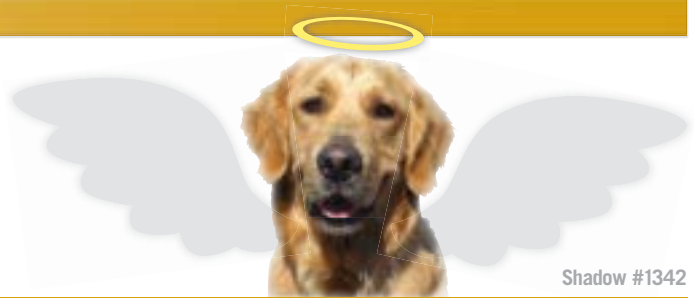


**times I fell down and got back up again. Nelson Mandela**



# GOLDEN ANGELS

In each and every issue, we'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Here, you will meet golden angels with golden hearts.



Shadow #1342

## Kristal Davis

Kristal first met Golden Rescue when she submitted an adoption application. Luckily for us, Kristal was impressed with the process and the volunteers she met while adopting Charlie #3517 from Cairo. Before and after Charlie's adoption, Kristal had lots of questions so she got to know a number of volunteers, who helped her through this brand-new experience. She loved seeing how deeply people cared about our Golden Retrievers and felt she just had to try and find a way to participate. Kristal is now the Lead Graphic Designer on our Eblast Team. Kristal's vision, creativity, and graphic design skills have allowed us to elevate our brand. Her technical skills and resourcefulness have enabled us to streamline our workflow and generate an even better experience for our subscribers. So, as much as Charlie brings joy to everyone he meets, Kristal brings joy to us all. Thank you, Kristal, for all that you do.



Kristal with Charlie #3517

## Anastassia Duncan

Anastassia and her husband, Chris, have been volunteering with Golden Rescue since 2016. They have always been Golden Retrievers and their first Golden, Sundae, is a therapy dog who helps children and dementia patients. Last April they adopted Ruby #3333 from Cairo, who arrived as a weak, small, fearful puppy and is now a beautiful and confident Canadian who brings happiness to her family every single day. Anastassia and Chris help in many areas such as events (Pickering Markets, LCBO tag days, Bala Cranberry Festival, and Pet Expo), fostering, conducting home visits, and helping with the auction. Anastassia is a key member of the Social Media Team and generously shares her many talents by creating dynamic content for our Facebook and Instagram stories. Her style is unique, creative, and fun, which has helped us reach a broader audience on these platforms. What is really exciting is that Anastassia and Chris are moving to Vancouver and plans are in place to help open up the B.C. market for Golden Rescue. While we will miss them here, it is very exciting for us and we couldn't find more passionate ambassadors to take on this challenge.



Anastassia with Sundae, Ruby #3333 & Chris

## Cathy Wiese

Cathy has always been a Golden lover. In 2019, one week prior to her 14th birthday, her beloved Golden Chloe crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Her work with Golden Rescue, which she started in 2018, helped fill the hole that Chloe left in her heart. Cathy started doing home visits and transports and a couple of years ago she joined the placement team, which she has taken on with great fervor. In 2019, Cathy and her husband adopted Charlie #3074. A year or so prior to that, her daughter flew from Halifax to adopt Tilley #2849, a traumatized little girl who is now a wonderful, goofy character living a carefree loving life. Cathy helps in many other ways like fundraising and helping with airport arrivals. She never says no to a challenge or a Golden in need and is quoted as saying, "I decided to volunteer for an organization that I am truly passionate about as Golden Retrievers are very near and dear to my heart". How lucky are we that Cathy chose to volunteer with us!



Cathy & Nandy with Charley #3074 & Finn



Thank You...  
**Golden Angels!!**



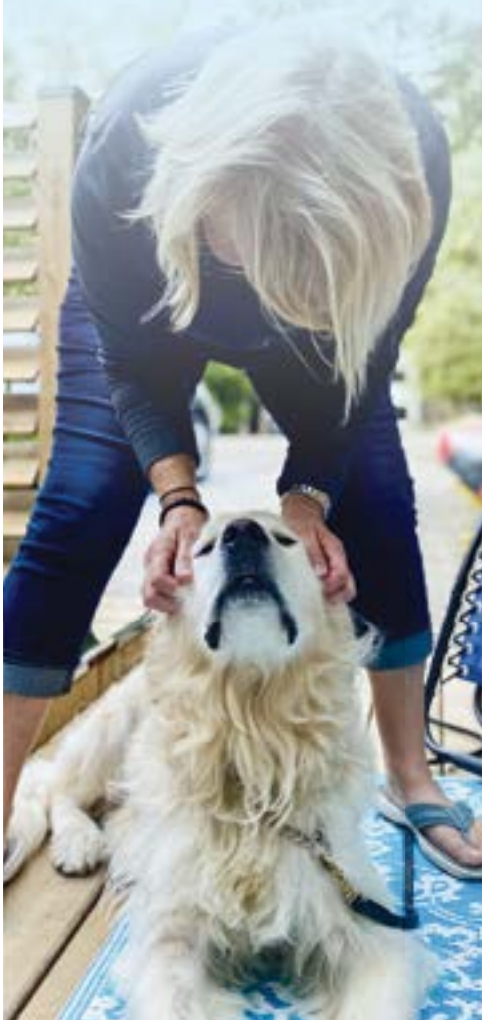


# MEET & GREET

## Levi #3309

Levi is now happily living with us in New Brunswick and we're all wondering how we got so lucky. When he first came into the Golden Rescue program, he was a broken soul with no life left in his eyes. Today he is truly transformed ~ it's amazing what a little love can do. Levi now has land to roam, water in which to swim, cars to hang his head out of, and soft beds. We lavish love on each other...love that was hidden in his heart. He has brought so much joy to our lives and we are madly in love with him!

## Edie & Paul



**A fundraiser in celebration of the wonderful memories of all our dogs ~ past and present.**

**August 7 to September 16**

**Get ready...Get Set...Get in Motion...with our new Fun-Raiser!**

### What is this about?

We've developed a series of fun challenges, each with a different theme, that will run during the six weeks of the event. You can participate in as many as you wish, on as many days as you like. Challenges include Water Fun, Chalk Art, Personal Best and Double-Double.

### How can we fundraise?

Get some sponsors for one or more challenges and ask your friends to register and do the same ~ make it a neighbourhood competition! You'll be able to set up your own fundraising pages via [Canada Helps](#).

You can even get creative and come up with your own challenges.

### What else do I need to know?

Make sure you join our [Memories in Motion Facebook Group Page](#) to find out more about the challenges and follow along with the fun! As you tackle them, post your pictures during the fundraiser. Who knows? There may even be some prizes along the way! You will also be able to share your personal fundraising pages and goals in this group.

\*You must be registered for this event to be eligible for prizes\*

### Early bird special offer!

If you're one of the first 100 Memories in Motion registrants, you'll receive one of our limited-edition commemorative t-shirts FREE with your paid registration! One shirt



per registration. Please include your full name, mailing address, and desired shirt size (unisex sizing) with your registration e-mail.

### Sounds great! I'm in! How do I register?

STEP 1: Register by emailing [events@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:events@goldenrescue.ca). Please note the webinar code MOTION in the subject line.

STEP 2: E-transfer \$25 to [events@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:events@goldenrescue.ca). Please enter the word MOTION in the message area of your payment.

\*\*You must complete both steps to be registered.\*\*



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN

**Abby #1981**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Rebecca

**Amber #3561**

4-year-old female  
Adopted by Gloria & Wayne

**Annie #3564**

5-year-old female  
Adopted by Brenda & Richard

**Arthur #3594**

8-month-old male  
Adopted by Jennifer & Mike

**Azura #3636**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Courtney

**Bailey #3471**

4-year-old female  
Adopted by Dana

**Bailey #3549**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Carole & Wayne

**Bandit #3563**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Cathy & Jack

**Beatrice #3579**

9-month-old female  
Adopted by Mandy

**Beau #3534**

5-year-old male  
Adopted by Mallory

**Bella #3548**

10-month-old female  
Adopted by Kristine & Nick

**Benji #3545**

8-month-old male  
Adopted by Keesha & Conrad

**Bilbo #3590**

1-year-old male  
Adopted by Kathy & Jim

**Binx #3624**

8-month-old female  
Adopted by Courtney

**Biscuit #3615**

4-year-old male  
Adopted by Catherine & Ron

**Bliss #3641**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Heather & Dan

**Bosley #3638**

9-month-old female  
Adopted by Caroline & Mark

**Brodie #3591**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Karry & Daren

**Buddy #3652**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Ross

**Cairo #3585**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Tracy & Vincent

**Cairo #3607**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Natalie & Paul

**Caramel #3629**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Danielle & Enrique

**Carly #3586**

3-year-old female  
Adopted by Arlene & Steve

**Chance #3555**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Penny

**Charlie #3486**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Moira & Dean

**Charm #3527**

10-year-old female  
Adopted by Brenda & Michael

**Chester #3481**

8-month-old male  
Adopted by Katryna

**Cleo #3581**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Gail

**Cleo #3637**

3-year-old female  
Adopted by Brenda & Jean-Louis

**Cooper #3546**

4-year-old male  
Adopted by Jeana & Ronald

**Cooper #3649**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Ruth & Larry

**Dafne #3538**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Zarine

**Daisy #3589**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Samantha

**Daisy #3640**

4-year-old female  
Adopted by Nadine

**Duke #3592**

2-year-old male  
Adopted by Elizabeth & Frank

**Elmo #3646**

3-year-old male  
Adopted by Dave & Karen

**Finn #3535**

1-year-old male  
Adopted by Lori

**Forrest #3599**

10-month-old male  
Adopted by Jennifer & Scott

**Ginny #3533**

1.5-year-old female  
Adopted by Kristen & Martin

**Gino #3620**

1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Hanna & Joakim

**Grace #3547**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Sylvie

**Grace #3571**

9-month-old female  
Adopted by Judy & Kevin

**Gracie Belle #3513**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Megan & Brent

**Harper #3608**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Adrienne & Adam

**Holly #3532**

8-year-old female  
Adopted by Susan & David

**Hunter #3526**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Andrew

**Isla #3588**

3-year-old female  
Adopted by Suzanne

**Issy #3604**

10-month-old female  
Adopted by Rina & Kevin

**Jasper #3630**

5-year-old male  
Adopted by Jean & Truman

**Jaxson #3519**

10-month-old male  
Adopted by Cindy & Tibor

**Jessie #2186**

8-month-old female  
Adopted by Stephanie & Jason

**Juno #3552**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Joan & Kevin

**Kaylee #3627**

11-month-old female  
Adopted by Shirley & Henry

**Khairo #3550**

8-month-old female  
Adopted by Nicola

**Kiki #3522**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Rick

**Kyro #3644**

11-month-old female  
Adopted by Jacqueline & Phil

**Levi #3540**

8-week-old male  
Adopted by Nicole

**Lily #3635**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Megan & Tyler

**Loki #3537**

7-year-old male  
Adopted by Hayley

**Louie #3543**

11-month-old male  
Adopted by Ron

**Lucky #3632**

1-year-old male  
Adopted by Barb & Richard

**Lucy #3576**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Libby & Don

**Lucy #3584**

1-year-old female  
Adopted by Jennifer & Mark





# FAMILY



**Maddie #3626**  
2-year-old female  
Adopted by Melina

**Mandy #3559**  
8-month-old female  
Adopted by Alba & Marco

**Maverick #3625**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Christine & Marty

**Maya #3611**  
3-year-old female  
Adopted by Hycinth & Raj

**Milo #3570**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Amanda & Kurt

**Molson #3558**  
10-year-old male  
Adopted by Karen & Merwyn

**Mona #3587**  
8-month-old female  
Adopted by Nicole & Donovan

**Monty #3598**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Ceri & Jason

**Moose #3602**  
11-month-old male  
Adopted by Jill & Mike

**Nelson #3551**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Shauna & John

**Oakley #3510**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Susan & David

**Ollie #3622**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Danielle & Jaclyn

**Oni #3554**  
11-month-old female  
Adopted by Becky & Geoff

**Otter #3574**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Misia & Chad

**Pete #3597**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Tina & James

**Pete #3616**  
4-year-old male  
Adopted by Cookie & Cyndi

**Phoenix #3569**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Alicia

**Reese #3617**  
4-year-old male  
Adopted by Jenn & Matt

**Richy #3605**  
4-year-old male  
Adopted by Amy & Kyle

**Riley #3596**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Jessica & Graydon

**Riley #3601**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Gwen & Shane

**Ryder #3541**  
5-year-old female  
Adopted by Susan & Fred

**Sadie #3583**  
3-year-old female  
Adopted by Shona

**Sauble #3582**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Sheri & Collin

**Stanlee #3528**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Rose & Steve

**StanLee #3618**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Nadia & Scott

**Sully #3621**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Kim & Richard

**Tanner #3639**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Vicki

**Tucker #3514**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Brad

**Tucker #3619**  
4-year-old male  
Adopted by Greg

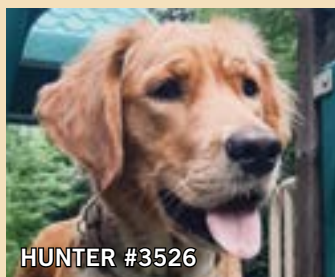
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Adopted by Kenidi & Brent

**Watson #3623**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Wayne & Maureen

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2-year-old male  
Adopted by Stephanie

**Ziggy #3628**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Meagan & Mike

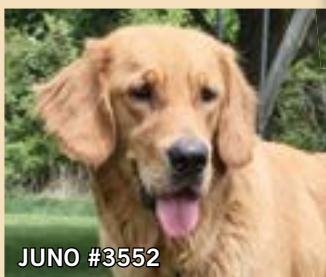
*Welcome home Golden!*



HUNTER #3526



LEVI #3540



JUNO #3552



MILO #3570



SAUBLE #3582



ISLA #3588



GINO #3620



WATSON #3623

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## FROM 'WAGS' TO RICHES: Ollie (Wags) #3622

Most people have a preconceived notion that rescues are often damaged. What we've learned through our rescue experience couldn't be further from the truth. Rescue dogs aren't broken...they are resilient, strong, and easily adapt to their new environment.

Wags was posted on Golden Rescue's website and social media channels about a week before the flight was supposed to land in Toronto. There was a plea to get him out of Cairo as he had issues with his joints so his future in Cairo would have been bleak. He has what vets call cow-hocked back legs and xrays show he needs to see an orthopedic specialist. He has adapted to his 'twinkle toes' and we plan to continue physiotherapy and have braces fitted to support his joints as he ages.

Life with Wags, now Ollie, has been the best adventure we've ever taken. When he arrived, his fur was matted with ticks/fleas and he was full of round worm. His eyes were full of gunk and he looked filthy and defeated...but even then, when he came out of his crate, his little tail wagged as if to say thank you. They say dogs don't understand but trust us, they do.

Over the past couple of months, his personality has blossomed. He loves to swim in our pool and jump off the dock at the cottage. He loves his fur siblings, Maggie and Sophie, and you can often find them snuggled on a bed together. He was so nervous of people at first and wouldn't go near anyone new (especially men) but that has improved tremendously and he is learning to trust humans. On our walks every morning, he

greeted all humans and dogs with such grace. When he wants to play or be fed, he lets out the sweetest howl you've ever heard (we swear he's part hound). He loves stuffies and brings about 20 of them to his bed every night. This must be a comfort measure for him and we love it. Overall, he is a different boy now that he is happy, loved, and deeply cherished. He is clumsy, goofy, and sensitive. You wouldn't recognize the boy he's become...and we love watching him flourish with each passing day.

Everyone says that Ollie hit the jackpot by joining our family but we are the lucky ones as we get to love him every day until he is old and grey.

Danielle & Jaclyn



## A PLEA & THANK YOU FROM WAGS...

Believe me, I know how lucky I am! Where I am from, there are dogs everywhere. They are on the streets. They have been abandoned and, if they are lucky, they are in crowded shelters with hundreds of other dogs. How I was chosen to come to your wonderful country is a mystery to me. Maybe my wonky legs made me stand out. If that's true, then that really is funny because those legs of mine are probably what put me on the street in the first place.

But here I am...luxuriating on my very own bed in Canada with a loving, caring family... and the only thing Canada has in common with Cairo is the letter 'C'.

I am so grateful to all of you that I find it very difficult to ask for any more help but I

can't stop thinking of all my Golden friends here and abroad who need Golden Rescue's help. Many may not get a second chance like I did.

I've also been told that the entire international rescue community has been dealt a big blow as the U.S., a country that has typically been very rescue-minded, is no longer allowing dogs to be rescued from over 100 countries. That is a huge loss to our street angels in Cairo and Istanbul, who are doing all they can to save us. Golden Rescue has saved every Golden possible in Canada and over 150 Golden from Cairo this year and that is truly amazing. I wish I could tell you that that is enough but I know from personal experience that there are many more who need saving.

If you can, please help Golden Rescue save as many of us as possible:

- Become a monthly donor
- Make a one-time donation
- Sponsor a Golden from Istanbul or Cairo for \$1,500 bones (you can name the Golden and follow their progress)

Click [here](#) to go online or [here](#) for the form.

I am safe...I am loved...I am grateful and I pray and wish that every Golden in the world could be as lucky as I am!