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Sauble #3582

This is Sauble ~ a pup found on the side of the road in Cairo, rescued to a Cairo shelter, sponsored, shipped, and adopted into our loving family. What an adventure, transformation, and exciting travels this wonderful little boy has had already. Named after 'River aux Sauble' where we whitewater rafted, this boy has taken to Canadian life with passion. He has learned most of our bewildering ways from his big brother, a flat-coat retriever, who Sauble idolizes. He has learned almost everything from his big brother, including which pantry door has delicious cookies behind it. Sauble has even had experience with the dreaded head-cone (but he didn't like that one too much). His new home is steps away from a huge conservation area with great walks and lakes to swim in. Yes, we sure hit the lottery the second he landed in Canada.

Sheri & Collin



We have some exciting news about The Guardian, Golden Rescue's Quarterly Newsletter!

The Guardian is now completely digital and therefore readily available to anyone who would like to sign up to receive it. The exciting part? It's FREE!

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Starting with issue #104, the design and layout will be easier to read, making it an even better digital experience.

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Merry Christmas ~ from all of Santa's little helpers!





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The Front Cover

This is **Zhara #2924**, an Istanbul beauty ~ the one on the right yawning. She is with her 13-year-old Canadian sister Genevieve, who she looks up to, adores, and keeps young.

Zhara joined our family three years ago and has made enormous strides. Every day is filled with so much laughter, smiles, and joy because her happy spirit is contagious. We suspect food was scarce in Turkey because our sweet girl spins, dances, and does zoomies all around the house at meal times. How sweet is that? She loves snuggling with daddy and will make happy little sighs when she's all curled up with him. Life is very good! **Krystle & Duncan**

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Give the gift of gold. Give the gift of love.

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Mission Statement

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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We would like to thank all of our contributing writers and photographers... too many to list. Betty, who loves her furkids, has given up many weekends and evenings to design and assemble this newsletter so that we Golden lovers can read all about the golden world we live in.

Betty with Shadow #1342



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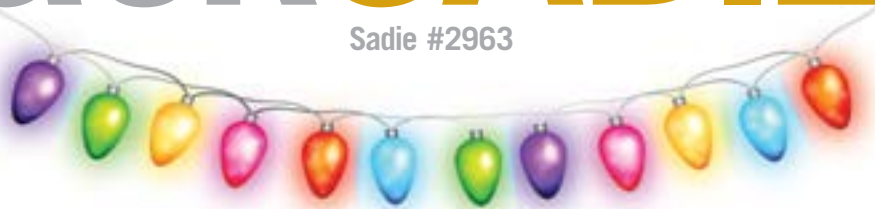
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askSADIE

Sadie #2963



Dear Sadie: Is it okay to use human shampoo? I love to shower with my mum. It is SO much fun. Molly

Dear Molly: I know it's fun to get in the shower with your human but some of their shampoos could be too harsh for our doggie skin. While it may be tempting to use human shampoo, it could change our PH balance, exposing us to little gremlins we'd rather not have. Your best bet is to choose a pet-friendly shampoo. You can still go into the shower with your mum but just use your own doggie shampoo instead.

Dear Sadie: I like to munch on the occasional bug ~ who doesn't? My family doesn't like when I do this and say it's not good for me. Am I okay to eat bugs or will they make me sick? Dexter

Dear Dexter: Sure, some bugs are harmless and it's natural to chase and catch things that move. But, it's actually NOT a good idea because here are some insects that are toxic and we should steer clear of these ~ cockroaches, crickets, caterpillars, fireflies, and grubs eat feces,

which can cause stomach worms when digested. Earthworms, slugs, snails, fleas are also not good...and the list goes on. And don't forget, catching a bee or wasp can be downright dangerous. After reading this list, it may seem like your snack menu is restricted, but fear not ~ you may still enjoy the odd housefly, grasshopper or beetle. Just be careful, okay?

Dear Sadie: Is bottled water safe for dogs and is it better than tap water? Bronson

Dear Bronson: Both tap and bottled water are safe to drink if they are clean and free of chemicals, so worry not. On the other hand, try and stay away from outdoor puddles. When we get thirsty outside, we tend to drink anything we see that is wet. Not a good idea! Although our constitution is stronger than humans when it comes to water, try and stick to what your human gives you to drink and keep those puddles for paddling around in.

Dear Sadie: Do I always need a passport to travel like my humans do? Bella

Dear Bella: When I came from Istanbul,

I had to travel with a passport and wondered if I needed one all the time as well. While not always in a booklet format, travel documents may be required. An International Health Certificate outlines typical travel and health information such as vaccination status and proof of rabies vaccine and it must be signed by a licensed veterinarian. If you're travelling by car, particularly to the U.S., ask your human to keep a document like this in the glove box just in case you're asked. Happy travels.

Dear Sadie: When I get thirsty outside in the winter, is it safe to eat snow? Snowie

Dear Snowie: Well, yes and no. If you have a little bit, it's fine but if you have too much it can lower your core temperature and make you extra cold if you're out too long. But you know what they say ~ stay away from the yellow stuff.

Love & woof-woof,
Sadie xox



MEET & GREET

Kyro #3399

When Kyro first came down the ramp at the airport, he grabbed hold of us and held on really tight as if to say thank you SO much for saving me and please don't ever leave me. Ever since then we have all been in love. He has adapted very well to Canada and his loves are family, toys, going for walks, toys, zoomies, toys, snow, toys, treats, his dog friends, toys, cuddles, did we mention toys...and most of all his MOM! Every day he does his 'zoomies' which entails running around like a crazy boy, throwing his toys all over the place. It is the funniest, most joyful thing you'll ever see. Kyro is pretty happy to be here and he lets us know every day that he is.

Eryn, Rob, Aidan & Alexander





The Joy is in the Giving!

Wow, the holidays are just around the corner and the shopping season is in full swing. We, at Golden Rescue, want to make this holiday season shopping stress-free. We have several new items in the store and many Golden deals ~ check out 'bargoons' on our website.

We have a number of custom-made items (a puzzle from your favourite photo, toy box, bird house, dog bowl, signs, mats, and more). What a better way to appreciate that four-legged member in your family and the special two-legged ones.

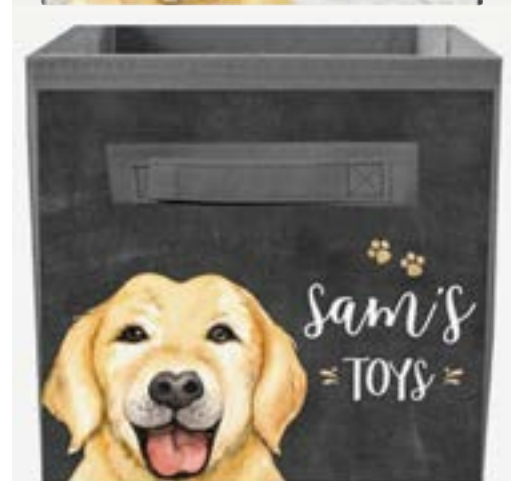
The store is also selling Wishbone Lottery tickets. You would be giving someone a gift that lasts way past the holidays and helping us with our wish to sell out for the first time ever.



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Happy Shopping!



Travelling With Your Dog?

It's finally here! The moment that many of us have been waiting for (for 20 long months). With COVID travel restrictions easing around the world, November 8th marked the long-awaited date that the U.S. reopened the land border to Canada and Mexico for recreational travel. This means that many people will be packing up their RV's, trailers, vans, and other vehicles along with their beloved pets to make the journey across the border to parts further south. While it's an extremely exciting time, it can also be stressful as travel often is most stressful for our pets. Keeping this in mind, here are some simple things you can do to create a stress-free a trip for your pet.

Prepare for the journey:

When taking your pet with you, it's best that you prepare ahead of time for their needs during the drive. Training your dog to go to the bathroom while on a leash and using a command make travel safer and more convenient for all. Stopping for potty breaks when they have never been on a leash before can put everyone in a dangerous position. While travelling, you will be stopping at rest areas and parking lots and other locations that are unfamiliar to you all. There will be new sights and smells that can easily distract them, so having them on leash in all public areas is critical to keep them safe. Having them trained to go to the bathroom on leash will also get them used to a routine so that you can schedule potty breaks for your dog that will be relatively fast and efficient, and you won't be chasing after your dog or trying to cajole them back to the car while you're stopped at the side of the road adding extra, unnecessary time to your trip. To get your dog used to going potty on command while on a leash, practice ahead of time in your backyard or local park. Mornings are the best time because you know they will have to go so take them to a spot and use a chosen word to encourage them to go. Use this word every time you take them for a potty break.

Another good idea to prepare for your journey with your dog is to freeze a container full of water before travelling so that you will have fresh, cold water during your trip and won't have to stop and search for it as often.

Research emergency vet clinics and offices where you are travelling and along your route because you never know when you're going to have an emergency.

Bring plastic bags with paper towels and cleaner is important as you want to have these things in case your pet is sick in the vehicle.



Also, know the local animal population as well as any dangerous flora and fauna at your destination as well as along your route. Things like fire ants, snakes, and alligators are just a few of the dangers you and your pet may face in your travels, so it's important to be aware of your surroundings and prepared for any of these encounters. It is a good idea to consult your vet before you leave to see if there are any vaccinations or other precautions you should take before and during your trip.

Crossing the border with your pet, whether by air or land, requires procedures that are often different for different countries. Make sure you do your research well before you leave because you don't want to get to the border and find out that you don't have the proper paperwork or vaccination records for your dog as you may be unable to continue your journey.

While you are travelling:

While travelling by car, be aware that air bags can be extremely dangerous to our pets and can potentially injure a medium-sized dog and even kill a smaller one. People who have



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

never experienced an air bag often think that it's like a light, fluffy cloud...but it's not. It's more like a strong punch in the face that can really take the wind out of a full grown human and severely injure a pet. This means that you should never have your dog seated in the front-seat of our vehicle. Instead, they should be secured in the back with a safety harness or in a dog crate that has been firmly secured to the vehicle. Letting your dog roam free in the vehicle is extremely dangerous because a curious dog can get themselves into precarious and dangerous positions while you're driving that may require your focus being taken away from the task of driving. If you are travelling by yourself, it's recommended that you crate your dog to limit their mobility in the vehicle and prevent the driver from being distracted.

Make lots of stops along the way if travelling by land. Be aware of your pet and their needs throughout the drive so that you can quickly identify any issues that need to be addressed so you can act appropriately when necessary.

Do not drive with your windows all the way open for your dog to stick their head out. It may look cute but there are too many dogs that will jump out of the vehicle when they see something interesting. A crack is fine... just use common sense.

As we get back into the routine of travel, following these tips can ensure a smooth and safe journey for both you and your furry family members. Happy and safe travels everyone!

By Peter Brown, Professional Dog Trainer, Alpha Paws

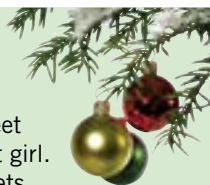
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Carry #3703

I am in love with this sweet girl. Carry is such a sweet girl. She loves Canadian sunsets and watching TV, particularly if there are other dogs on the screen. She puts her paws up on the TV and I can see her wondering how the dog got into the box. My vet and I call her our Turkish Delight!

Karen



CHARITABLE GIVING



Charitable giving...it's only for the ultra wealthy, right? Wrong. With the average Canadian building wealth and on the eve of the largest intergenerational transfer of wealth taking place from 'baby boomers', this topic continues to open discussions for sharing some of that wealth with registered charities. There are a number of different types of wealth, beginning with cash wealth, equity wealth or a combination of the former two...and there is what is referred to as spiritual wealth.

Cash Wealth

If you have cash wealth, charitable giving has many excellent financial advantages when integrated with a financial plan and the assistance of a professional advisor. For starters, a charitable donation to a registered charity will reduce the amount of tax owed on your tax return during your lifetime or even after you pass. If you own non-registered investment funds, stocks or investment property, you may not be aware that if you transfer those assets or securities directly to a charity, while living or after you pass through formal instruction of a will, you do not have to pay the capital gains. There are many tax advantages to donations so just ask your financial advisor or tax professional.

Equity Wealth

If you have equity wealth, most of this wealth is in the form of equity in your home. The problem is, it's not always wise to access that wealth while you are alive, and not everyone wants to downsize. That shouldn't stop you from seeking out professional help now on how you can best structure your estate to give some or all to charity. Home values have never been higher and continue to grow. Take a moment to think about your charitable giving desires ~ a charity, the church, a fraternity or because of your love for Golden...perhaps to Golden Rescue. You may not wish to risk having those desires go unfulfilled. You may have a will and power of attorney, yet if you don't explicitly state your charitable giving intentions, your executor does not have the power or authority to allocate funds to charities after you are gone.

If you've already taken care of everything, congratulations...bravo! You are in the minority. For everyone else, get started today, not tomorrow ~ tomorrow is forgotten in our busy lives of today. Start the conversation with your family, your charities, and your financial advisors.

Charitable giving is for everyone, not just the wealthy. Ask your financial and professional

advisors to work with you on your goals, set milestone targets, and execute your charitable giving intentions. If you don't have an advisor, it might be time to start looking for some philanthropic help...think about all the good you can do in the world by just starting a conversation. It has never been easier to establish a charitable giving foundation in your name or that of your family and your advisors can help you begin this conversation.

Couple of final thoughts to ponder...there are only two guarantees in life – death and taxes...followed by some options. You can bequeath your estate to your family of beneficiaries, to a registered charity or to CRA ~ BUT, you can only pick two from the list. What will your choices be?

By Harry Matheis, Director of Planned Giving & Donations

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“For the umpteenth time,
Santa did NOT send us here to play with you!”

MEET & GREET

Beau #3457 & Holly #3458

Beau and Holly are a bonded pair from Cairo. These delightful Golden Retrievers settled in beautifully and spent an awesome summer getting oriented to our Canadian ways. Beau loves the water ~ wading and swimming. Holly would rather just ride around with her new human sister on the paddleboard. These two have put on some much-needed weight and their fur is feathering nicely. They love going on long walks and they greet other dogs very politely. We are so happy to share our lives with them both and they show us love and gratitude every single day.

Julie & Ken



THE TRAINING CORNER

'TIS THE SEASON



It's that time of year again when we need to be extra vigilant about keeping our Golden Retrievers safe during the holiday season. If your Golden is new to decorations and festivities or likes to get into mischief, then the best way to make sure they remain safe is through management.

Adult dogs have the maturity level of a two-year-old. Most of us know how curious and excited two-year-olds get when the tree goes up, decorations are everywhere, and presents appear under the tree. It's an exciting time and it only happens once a year

so it's why our pets also find it exciting.

If you have a rescue and it's their first holiday season with you, they may never have experienced this strange ritual of events. If you bring a real tree into your home and you have a male Golden, don't be surprised if he thinks he should 'christen' the tree. After all, that's what he would do if it was outside. We brought Tula home at the age of eight weeks in November. When the tree went up, the first thing we did was put an x-pen around it; however, if you like to decorate your tree with balls, you'll want to move those up higher because an adult dog may try to push the x-pen closer to the tree so that they can take a ball. After all, the balls on trees look just like the ones we throw to them. X-pens also come in different heights so you could go for a taller one.

Another thing you may want to do is remove all the hanging hooks on the decorations and replace them with string or wool. You would be making a trip to the emergency clinic if your dog got hold of a decoration and accidentally ingested the wire hook. Tinsel is another culprit and something you don't want to hang on a tree. Tinsel can get caught in their intestines and cause all sorts of havoc.

You'll also notice in the photo that we have a gate across the room where the tree is. Anytime one of us isn't in the room, we remove Tula (and our other two Golden Retrievers) from the living room and close the gate so that none of them have access to the tree or the presents.

Speaking of presents, that's another major curiosity for many dogs, especially if you've

ever given them goodies from any type of bag. They don't know the difference between wrapping paper and paper or plastic bags. All they know is there might be something in the package they'd like. The unfortunate part is that there could be something in the package that could result in a trip to the emergency clinic.

Whenever anyone gives me a gift, I always ask if there's chocolate in it (everyone who knows me knows I love chocolate). If there is, that gift doesn't go under the tree, but somewhere safe where the dogs can't get it. It might ruin the surprise, but that's better than your Golden getting sick.

There are many things that are extremely toxic to your dog. These include chocolate (yes, white included), raisins, xylitol, macadamia nuts, poinsettias, holly, lilies, mistletoe, pine sap, cannabis, nicotine, alcohol...and more. If you think your Golden has eaten anything and you're not sure if it's poisonous, contact your vet, the emergency clinic or the www.petpoisonhelpline.com.

Then there's the turkey. If your stuffing contains onions, that's also toxic to your dog. I'm sure you all know that cooked turkey bones are extremely dangerous. They splinter and can cause severe damage to the stomach and intestines.

When it comes to this time of year, management is key. Keep garbage in covered containers so your pets can't get into them and use crates, x-pens, and gates to keep them safe.

Another thing we need to think about at this

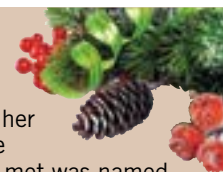
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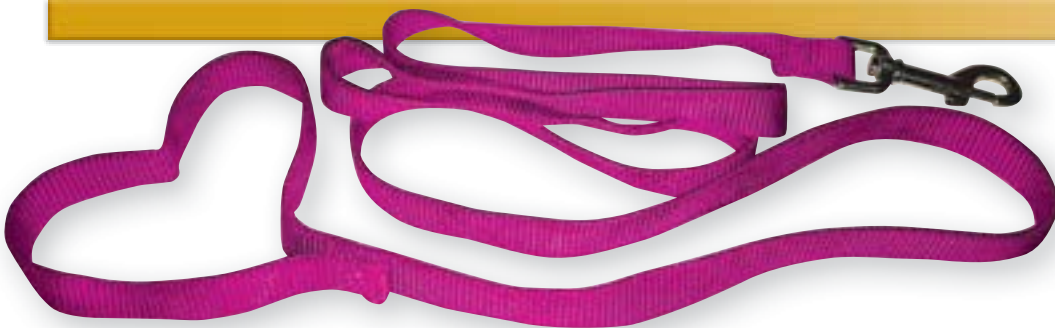


Charlie #3162

My girl Charlie was named Minnie and I was supposed to adopt her on July 28th. The date changed to July 30th, which was my late husband's birthday. I picked her up in Kingston and the driver I met was named Tom (my late father-in-law's name) and the other Golden with him was Carma (which was my husband's grandmother's name). If this wasn't fate, I don't know what was. Charlie has adapted well ~ loves everyone and has become quite a cuddler. She recently went on a 13-hour road trip with me to New Brunswick with no problem at all. Mind you, after her grueling trip halfway around the world, New Brunswick probably felt like next door. Adopting Charlie from Golden Rescue was the best decision I've ever made.

Jessica





time of year is making sure our Golden Retrievers are protected during the cold winter months. Our Golden Retrievers all have winter coats which they wear when the temperature drops below -10 degrees Celsius. Now you might think, c'mon, they're dogs! Yes, they are; however, they live in centrally heated homes. They don't live outside. Their undercoat isn't as thick as a dog who lives outside. If your home is anything like ours, the temperature is set to around 22.5 to 23 degrees Celsius. That's a significant difference from -10 or more. Our favourite coats are Shedrows. Our dogs also wear boots. Yes, I've heard "oh, I can't get them on their feet or they try to kick them off". Of course, they will but once they learn that they don't get to go for a walk unless they wear them, they will adapt. Here are a few reasons why you need to protect their feet. First of all, it protects their feet from the salt that is on both the sidewalks and the roads, which not only sting but burn their feet. Another is that a sharp edge of ice can slice their paw open and the paw pad is one of the hardest areas to heal. Boots also provide traction on slippery surfaces, especially important for any Golden with mobility issues. Finally, their pads can get frost bite from being on cold surfaces too long. Our favourite boots are Muttluks.

Now, if you're like me and not a fan of walking the dogs every day in the winter, then why not do something fun and sign up for a class? There are a lot of choices. Obedience is always good, but if you want to have some fun, take a class in Tricks, Rally Obedience, Scent Detection, Freestyle, Trieball, Agility or Flyball. Did you know that 15 minutes of



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

mental stimulation for your dog is equal to a 30-minute walk? Keeping our Golden Retrievers mentally stimulated is important for their wellbeing. It's also a nice alternative to walking them once or twice a day in the cold.

'Tis the season to keep our Golden Retrievers safe and warm! Happy Holidays everyone!

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. She lives with her husband Vaughan and three Golden Retrievers, Augie #2623, Star, and their newest addition, Tula.

MEET & GREET

Kaya #3723

Kaya's story is absolutely amazing and spans three countries. There was a kind woman in Norway who saw a video of poor nine-year-old Kaya on the streets of Istanbul starving and suffering from severe mange. She managed to get Kaya to a shelter in Istanbul with the hopes of bringing her to Norway. It turned out, because of regulations, Kaya couldn't be brought to Norway so she contacted Golden Rescue in Canada to see if they could help. Kaya needed a foster in Istanbul who could take Kaya out of the shelter and give her the care and attention she needed. Golden Rescue contacted one of their shelter partners in Istanbul, who arranged for a local foster. Once this beautiful girl started to heal, GR asked a wonderful couple, who were previous adopters, if they would consider fostering-to-adopt Kaya. They agreed so Kaya travelled to Canada. Here's what Kaya is saying, "My wonderful forever family keep feeding me good stuff, patting me, cleaning my eyes, and giving me medicine that's making me feel so much better! My teeth feel like new (after a trip to the doggy dentist) and soon I will graduate to crunchier food. I am rolling on my back and kicking up my heels. And life is very good as I not only have a home in the city but one in the country on a lake too. Thank you, thank you, thank you for bringing me here...for giving me a new life...for believing that I am a Golden who deserved this chance. I am so happy."



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Leptospirosis in Dogs

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that affects the liver and kidney of dogs. The bacteria thrives in stagnant water and outbreaks often happen in the fall after prolonged periods of rain.

Leptospirosis is carried in the urine of wildlife, mainly rodents, skunks, and raccoons. Dogs become infected when ingesting or swimming in contaminated standing water. It was once thought that 'Lepto' was only a rural disease but as urban sprawl encroaches on wildlife, this is no longer just a 'country' disease. At my clinic in downtown Toronto, we diagnose at least two to three cases of this potential deadly disease

each year. Lepto is considered a zoonotic disease as people can become infected through their pets.

Dogs infected with leptospirosis can present with an array of clinical signs. Some may appear clinically normal whereas others may be weak, stiff, inappetent, and/or in some cases jaundiced.

As a result of the variable clinical signs, diagnosis can be difficult; however, routine blood work may show an elevation of renal and/or liver values. DNA-PCR testing is used to confirm suspected cases.

Lepto is treatable with antibiotics if caught

early enough in the course of the disease; however, prevention is the key. Most veterinarians offer a yearly four-way Lepto vaccine for their patients. Personally, I recommend this vaccine to all our at-risk canine patients on a yearly basis but not all veterinarians agree with this vaccine protocol. If you feel your pet could be at risk of becoming infected, discuss the Lepto vaccine with your veterinarian at your next appointment.

**By Dr. Scott Bainbridge,
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Elmo #3646

Another Cairo boy, Elmo, has assimilated to Canadian life beautifully and even loves the snow. His command of the English language is very good ~ sometimes too good. His neighbour, Danny, is a Lab also from Cairo and these two have become very close friends and play together almost daily. Elmo epitomizes his name ~ goofy and carefree. He loves car rides with the window open so he can stick his head out and feel the wind in his fur. And of course, chasing squirrels is a regular daily pastime that keeps him fit and entertained. He had anxiety when he arrived, which is understandable as his whole world turned upside down, but he now feels secure and loved.

Karen & Dave



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Buzz #3606

When Buzz arrived from Cairo to his new Canadian forever family, he was a pretty sick puppy. Seriously underweight by 38 lbs, he was diagnosed with anemia, roundworm, and ehrlichia ~ all very treatable ailments of course so he was treated and on the road to recovery quickly. It was also discovered he had hip dysplasia ~ so many things for this poor three-year-old boy to contend with but he came through all of it with flying colours. He now weighs 55 pounds and just loves his walks along the trails, his car rides, and his swimming in the lake. You sure would never know his hips bother him. I think dear Buzz is pretty grateful to all those who love him because one of his favourite things to do is hug you with his paws firmly around your neck. Ah shucks Buzz...you are so adorable.

Chantal & Jeff



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MEET & GREET

Jake #3087

From day one, Jake has been a love bug, always wanting pets and attention. He arrived from Istanbul very underweight and has gone from 68 to 90 lbs. He and his brother, Dutch, have become the best of friends and are inseparable. Both the boys were an integral part of our wedding in 2019. Then, during our pregnancy, Jake was extra affectionate and frequently rested his head on the baby bump. They are now big brothers to our baby girl Grace. Jake is such a sweet boy who takes his big brother role very seriously. Life is truly wonderful and Jake is a big reason why.

Leah & Alex



Thank You
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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: Please describe your experience with Golden Retrievers with respect to training, house-training, etc.

Answer: You name it...we've had it and handled it!

Question: Why do you want to adopt a rescue Golden?

Answer: They are like liquid sunshine ~ goofy, hairy, loveable, and simple dogs who just want to be loved unconditionally.

Question: Where would the Golden be kept during the night?

Answer: In my bed, which always becomes their bed and I just sleep in it if they choose.

Question: Why would you make a good home for a Golden?

Answer: I would make a good home for a Golden because I would do anything for them...any cost and any sacrifice I would make for them. Golden Retrievers usually live 13-15 years max and I would like to make the most of their lifetime.

OTHER COMMENTS:

I know Golden Retrievers inside and out and after losing both of mine this year, I have so much love to give and would like another Golden to share my love with.

My husband does all the nail/fur care. We call it daddy day spa.

Golden Retrievers are comparable to a big teddy bear due to their cuddly, affectionate nature and gentle demeanor.

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A Golden Christmas Carol

BUDDY: Hehehe!

ZOEY: What's so funny?

BUDDY: Well, I just saw my mom's letter to Santa.

ZOEY: What's so funny about that?

BUDDY: (uncontrollable giggling) Well it said, "Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a fat bank account and a skinny body. Please don't mix it up again like last year."

ZOEY: Okay, that is funny. Our humans sure can focus on their bodies and how much they weigh.

BUDDY: I know...I know. My mom is always trying to get into things that sure look like they belong to someone else.

ZOEY: Yes, I know. These humans also go to a thing called 'weight watchers'.

BUDDY: What's that?

ZOEY: The best I can figure is, they go to meetings, sit around in a circle, and watch each others' weights.

BUDDY: That sounds really boring. Wouldn't they have to eat an awful lot to see their weight inflate?

ZOEY: Hey that rhymes!

BUDDY: I know...once I got into a huge package of hot dogs and hamburgers that I found in a neighbour's garage and when I got home, I looked twice as big as when I left.

ZOEY: So maybe that's what they do at those meetings.

BUDDY: If that's the case, let's find out where those meetings are.

ZOEY: Yes, I'm in!

BUDDY: Speaking of weight, it's going to be really hard for my family and me to keep our weight down during the ho-ho season. There are way too many good smells...way too many treats, not to mention Christmas dinner itself.

ZOEY: It reminds me of that famous doggy poem:

'Twas the night before Christmas

There were cookies and milk
That I spied on the table with a heart full of guilt
All the family were snuggled asleep in their bed
But I kept staring endlessly at that table instead
It had a note meant for Santa that I read with remorse
As I downed every cookie which was my first course
The milk was a help to wash the crumbs down
Then I heard in the chimney a thundering sound
My life passed before me as I knew what I'd done
And I should have resisted or at least left him one
But the noise wasn't Santa so I got a reprieve
But I'm smart, so I knew it was my time to leave
Sorry Santa, don't know who robbed you of your Christmas delights

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



GOLDEN RESCUE ONLINE 50-50 DRAW

Help us Help Golden's – It's a Win-Win!

Our Holiday Edition draw starts on December 1st and will run for one month! Imagine waking up on New Year's Day and getting a phone call that you won our grand prize!

Our Golden's have been hard at work collecting gift cards for 'The 12 Golden Days of Christmas Giving'. We will also have special ticket pricing for the month. Stay tuned to all our social media channels and check your emails for more details.

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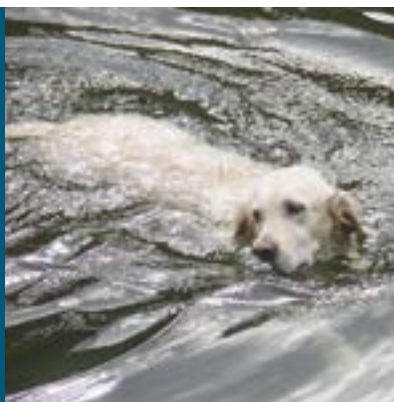


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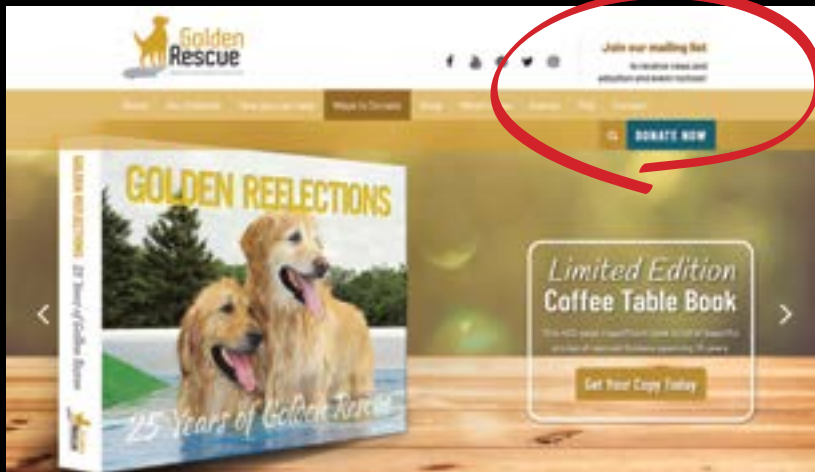
Theia #3716 & Banner #3717

This amazing bonded pair were surrendered to Golden Rescue in Alberta and we adopted them and took them to our home in B.C. They have adapted beautifully. Theia is a real sweetheart and simply wants to please. Banner is a little more cerebral, thoughtful, and a very good listener. They live with their younger canine brother, Bruce, and together they are The Three Musketeers. Theia loves the pond and her favorite pastime is digging up field mice while Banner stands guard. They love life and are typical Golden's full of love and joy. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to adopt these two awesome Golden's ~ they make us smile and laugh every day!

Cathy & Chris

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December 4th & 5th

10 am – 6 pm
OSHAWA MARKETS
555 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa

December 18th & 19th

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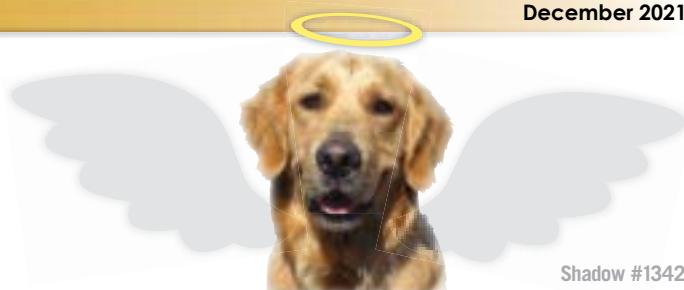
January 22nd & 23rd

10 am – 5 pm
EDMONTON PET EXPO
7515 118th Ave NW, Edmonton

Does the idea of meeting new friends and spending a couple of hours talking about Golden Retrievers sound like fun? If so, please consider volunteering for a shift at one of our upcoming events. Your Golden companion is especially welcome! To indicate your interest, just drop us a quick e-mail at volunteer@goldenrescue.ca and indicate which event you're interested in. We'll get back to you with more details. You can also join our mailing list to receive information about upcoming Golden Rescue events and new adoptions. Hope to see you soon!

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



Terri-Lynn with Dance & Willow #3688

Terri-Lynn Bohnert

Terri-Lynn is a retired teacher and she wanted to become a foster with GR since she had time to devote to her passion of helping Golden Retrievers. Terri-Lynn had experience with another rescue group fostering a mother with six puppies and this gave her a unique set of qualifications. In August, we reached out to Terri-Lynn to see if, given her previous experience, she could help with a serious issue we had. We had inherited a pregnant Golden from Cairo who needed a foster home to nurse and wean the just-arrived nine puppies. Happily, Terri-Lynn put up her hand to help and her fostering was a total success with all nine puppies surviving, thriving, and now living with their loving forever families. Here's what she said about her experience: "I am proud and very grateful that all of the puppies grew to be healthy, vibrant puppies. Seeing them grow was an exhilarating experience." Terri-Lynn...thank you so much. You went above and beyond the call and we are grateful and so are nine adorable puppies!



Bob & Elizabeth with Shona #2331

Bob & Elizabeth Cameron

Bob and Elizabeth started off as fosters and when they adopted one of their fosters, Shona #2231, they considered themselves as foster failures so they started to help on the transport team ~ short and long distances. And occasionally, they've hosted Golden Retrievers in emergency situations. The transport team considers them to be superstars as they are always ready and willing to help. They have seen it all ~ Golden Retrievers throwing up and pooping in their car, being stuck for ages in traffic, and many other canine and human dramas. Although they take their role seriously with good humour, they take everything in stride and don't get phased by anything ~ that's why we adore them!



Janet with Rosie #3791

Janet Whitty

Janet was looking for a way to express her love of Golden Retrievers after suffering the loss of her beautiful senior Golden. She found it by volunteering for Golden Rescue. Janet has been Golden Rescue's database administrator since 2018, entering a wide array of data and creating reports. Her volunteering, however, doesn't stop there. She also fosters and supports literally all of our activities and is a monthly donor. Janet is a busy girl and GR is so lucky to have her. We thought it would be lovely to quote how Janet feels about Golden Rescue: "Let me tell you about the Golden Rescue volunteers ~ they are the kindest individuals I have ever met in my life. They are just like the breed ~ friendly, welcoming, happy, caring, and devoted. I was able to attend an AGM and it was the best meeting ever as there were two Golden ambassadors who made sure everyone in the room had an opportunity to pet them, snuggle, and smile. I have worked with the database, transport, foster, Guardian, marketing, and adoptive families. Everyone shares the core values of integrity, kindness, and compassion ~ all delivered without judgment." Thank you for your kind words, Janet, and for your very big (and Golden) heart!

Thank You...
Golden Angels!!

WELCOME TO THE GO

Angus #3693

2-month-old Male
Adopted by Courtney

Balvenie #3708

1-year-old female
Adopted by Catherine & Dennis

Banner #3717 & Theia #3716

4-year-old male & 6-year-old female
Adopted by Cathy & Chris

Beatrice (Bea) #3579

1-year-old female
Adopted by Mandy

Beau #3609

7-year-old female
Adopted by Lynn & Jim

Benny #3689

2-month-old male
Adopted by Shannon & Matt

Boomer #3697

1-year-old male
Adopted by Judi

Bosley #3660

2-year-old male
Adopted by Kate

Bruno #3675

2-year-old male
Adopted by Brianna & Brian

Buddy #3573

2-year-old male
Adopted by Anita & Chris

Buzz #3606

9-month-old male
Adopted by Chantal & Jeff

Cairo #3600

2-year-old male
Adopted by Denise

Cairo #3677

2-year-old female
Adopted by Alison & Andrew

Carry Elizabeth #3703

3-year-old female
Adopted by Karen

Charlie #3690

2-months-old male
Adopted by Judy & Kevin

Charlotte #3706

3-year-old female
Adopted by Mary Anne & Oliver

Chloe #3685

2-month-old female
Adopted by Sandy & John

Cleopatra #3581

1-year-old female
Adopted by Gail

Darcy #3658

3-year-old male
Adopted by Katryna & Nick

Emma #3653

1-year-old female
Adopted by Chelsie

Finn #3562

1-year-old male
Adopted by Jen & Jamie

Finn #3683

4-year-old male
Adopted by Gillian & Francis

Fogo #3700

4-year-old male
Adopted by Stefanie & Robin

Fred #3642

4-year-old male
Adopted by Alysha & Corey

Fuzz #3668

4-year-old male
Adopted by Patricia & Ian

Ghosty #3672

8-year-old male
Adopted by Roberta & Tom

Gigi #3647

8-month-old female
Adopted byCarolynn & Alen

Gizmo #3665

3-year-old male
Adopted by Sarah & Will

Gus #3565

2-year-old male
Adopted by Kelly & Trevor

Gus #3686

2-month-old male
Adopted by Mary

Holly #3556

1-year-old female
Adopted by Shiraz

Honey #3702

3-year-old female
Adopted by Sharon

Jackson #3593

3-year-old male
Adopted by Peter

Jessie #3687

2-month-old female
Adopted by Valerie & Gord

Kaiya #3634

9-months-old female
Adopted by Natasha & Triston

Kasey #3568

4-year-old female
Adopted by Kathi & Earl

Kelowna #3648

3-year-old female
Adopted by Judy & Charlie

Layla #3718

2-year-old female
Adopted by Rosabella & Neil

Leia #3698

1-year-old female
Adopted by Sian & Mike

Leo #3669

1-year-old male
Adopted by Heather

Leo #3694

4-year-old male
Adopted by Margaret & Tim

Loki #3681

3-year-old male
Adopted by Karen

Lucy #3557

4-year-old female
Adopted by Ron

Lucy #3584

1-year-old female
Adopted by Jennifer & Mark

Lyle #3667

4-year-old male
Adopted by Caitlin & Mathieu

Mandy #3704

13-year-old female
Adopted by Faith

Maya #3682

4-year-old female
Adopted by Robin

Maya #3611

3-year-old female
Adopted by Hycinth & Raj

Milo #3560

8-year-old male
Adopted by Joan & Colin

Molly #3572

2-year-old female
Adopted by Phillip

Molly #3595

1-year-old female
Adopted by Denyse & Troy

Molly #3692

2-month-old female
Adopted by Jenn & Frank

Murfi #3566

3-year-old female
Adopted by Lydie

Murphy #3699

2-year-old male
Adopted by Maria & Mark

Murphy #3713

5-year-old male
Adopted by Jennifer & Jason

Odin #3578

9-month-old male
Adopted by Diane & John

Oliver #2860

3-year-old male
Adopted by Marisa

Oliver #3664

5-year-old male
Adopted by Barbara

Philo #3679

9-month-old male
Adopted by Corinne

Puppy #3710

7-year-old male
Adopted by Margo & Fred



LDEN FAMILY



Riley #3567

2-year-old male
Adopted by Tracey & Chris

Rusty #3674

1-year-old male
Adopted by Elizabeth & Blair

Sadie #3714

6-year-old female
Adopted by Marion & Robert

Samantha #3705

7-year-old female
Adopted by Diane

Scout #3691

2-months-old female
Adopted by Sarah & Brian

Sophie #3673

1-year-old female
Adopted by Stacy & Chris

Stanley #3041

1-year-old male
Adopted by Amanda & Kent

Stella #3671

10-month-old female
Adopted by Debby & Philip

Sugar #3721

10-month-old female
Adopted by Kim & Andy

Summer #3643

2-year-old female
Adopted by Janet

Thunder #3680

1-year-old male
Adopted by Jean & Jonny

Tom #3720

4-year-old male
Adopted by Julia

Tucker #3619

4-year-old male
Adopted by Greg

Tucker #3666

2-year-old male
Adopted by Danielle & Roy

Walter #3577

1-year-old male
Adopted by Julie & Dylan

Weegie #3676

4-year-old male
Adopted by Kristin

Willow #3654

2-year-old female
Adopted by Kathy

Willow #3678

9-month-old female
Adopted by Shirley & Bob

Willow #3688

2-month-old female
Adopted by Terri-Lynn

Winnie #3575

10-year-old female
Adopted by Janice & Kent

Zuri #3670

4-year-old female
Adopted by Chuck



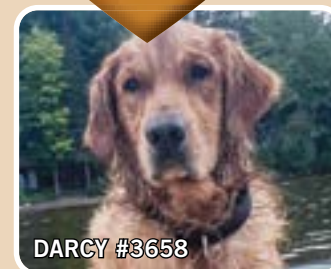
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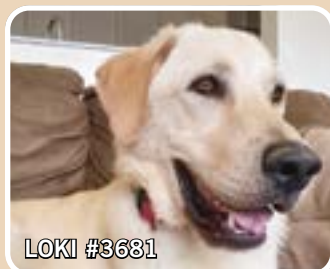
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CAIRO #3677



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PUPPY #3710



TOM #3720



Golden Lovers Supporting Our Efforts

With the pandemic having a severe impact on Golden Rescue's fundraising and awareness activities, many of our volunteers have stepped up by finding their own unique and inspiring ways to support our efforts. Here we profile a few Golden Rescue heroes.

Juliana Scaligine with Freddy #1747

A volunteer since 2011, Juliana has taken on a number of roles for Golden Rescue including fostering, home visits, and even TV appearances! In July 2021, Juliana approached us with the idea of combining two of her life's passions ~ dogs and home baking ~ for a new fundraising initiative. The idea was simple but effective. Juliana would sell her baked goods and donate the money to Golden Rescue. To kick off the initiative, Juliana posted photos of her baking on Instagram with a message explaining that, by purchasing her delicious cakes, buyers would be supporting a great cause! We asked Juliana why she chose Golden Rescue as the beneficiary of her generosity? She explained "I experienced firsthand the incredible impact Golden Rescue has on Golden Retrievers and humans! It certainly has had a big impact on my life." We really appreciate all that you've done, Juliana!

Michael Feisthauer & Liam McGean with Jewel #2839 & Ruby #3465

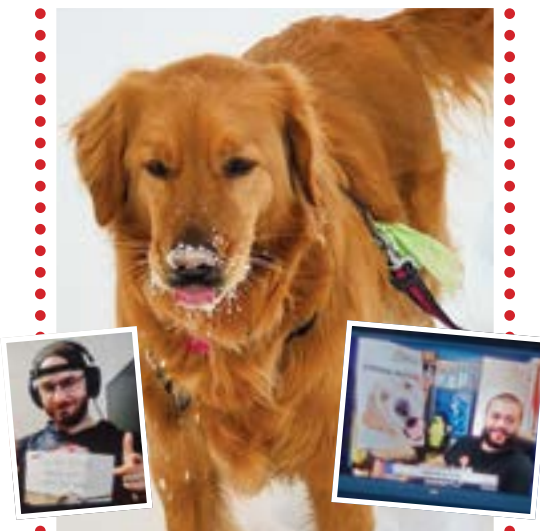
Michael is the son of long-time volunteer Nancy Feisthauer. He and his friend Liam had always wanted to make a difference on their streaming channels and decided earlier this year to set a goal of arranging for at least one charity stream per year. Having seen the success of other charity streams, they put together their own 24-hour live-streaming gaming marathon. Michael and Liam started out by selecting several co-op games to play together. They took shifts to avoid burn-out and kept in constant contact with each other and with the community during the marathon. Donations were accepted either through the Golden Rescue website or via e-transfer. According to Michael, "It was a very fun experience and great to be doing something we love while giving back! We'd love to do this again for Golden Rescue." Great idea and many thanks, Michael and Liam!

Shiraz Tayyeb with Massey #3292

When Shiraz lost his beloved Golden Scamper in 2020, he was eager to welcome another Golden into his life to help combat the feelings of grief and pain. Shiraz had known about Golden Rescue for a number of years and explains, "I was lucky enough to find Massey #3292 and met his foster mom in the process. Since then, we have become great friends." Shiraz wanted to do something to show his appreciation to Golden Rescue and to celebrate the sheer joy Massey has brought into his heart. A professional musician, Shiraz decided to offer a free neighbourhood concert outside his home to raise money and awareness with the proceeds going to Golden Rescue. Shiraz shares a sentiment common to so many of our supporters when he says "In so many ways, Massey rescued me." Thank you, Shiraz!



Juliana & Freddy #1747



Jewel #2839, Liam & Michael



Shiraz drumming with Massey #3292

*Happy Howlidays &
Thank You!*

2021 was another challenging year! With your help, we rescued over 350 Golden Retrievers ~ many from tragic and deplorable conditions. For them, it was a fortunate and magical year! To our supporters, volunteers, fosters, and adopters, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you and hope you have a wonderful, fur-filled holiday season!



*Have a doggone
Merry Christmas!*

TO: SANTA
NORTH POLE



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SANTA & GOLDEN
RESCUE HELP SOPHIA](#)

Dear Santa,

I am sitting on my very own comfy bed looking out on my very own beautiful snowy back yard wondering how I got so lucky. You see my name is Harley...at least that is my Canadian name. When I was in Cairo, I didn't have a name and I sure didn't have a back yard and a comfy bed. I was living in this alley just behind the El Khalili Bazaar. My front leg was hurt and I had this horrible thing you guys call mange. I was always hungry and spent most of the day looking for shade to get out of the sweltering sun. One day, this kind lady scooped me up and took me to this shelter where there were hundreds of other dogs just like me. She actually took me to the doc and within a few weeks I started to feel so much better. Now, you're not going to believe this but she then put me on this big bird and I somehow landed in this wonderland called Canada. See? That's why I feel so lucky.

Because the world has been so kind to me, I am really reluctant to ask for anything else, Santa, but I do have one request if you would just hear me out. When I was living in the alley, I had a friend who was also a Golden. I called her Sophia. I'm not sure if she ever had a real name. We were inseparable. The day I was rescued, Sophia was out looking for food and I didn't have a chance to say goodbye. Sophia was in worse shape than me. She had been hit by a car and had to drag her back end around scaping her knees as she walked. But this never stopped her. She was always in good spirits and when I felt low, she picked me up every time with her beautiful golden smile. I think about her every single day. So, here's the thing Santa. I'm told you have a sleigh and that on Christmas eve you travel right round the world giving presents to the world's children. I'm not looking for you to give anyone anything but I wondered if I gave you directions to my alley, could you stop to see if Sophia is still there? If she is, is there any chance you could bring her to Canada when you finish your rounds. You can't miss her. She is a blonde Golden about two years old with wonky back legs. If you take this blanket with you, she will recognize my smell immediately and come to you right away. I know if you could do this, my new dear friends at Golden Rescue will find her a home with a comfy bed and back yard just like mine. Now, if for any reason you can't find her, could you leave my blanket in the alley. This will comfort her greatly and my smell might help her keep hope.

I am blessed. This world has been so kind to me. Santa, if together we could help Sophia, it would be the best possible Christmas gift anyone could give me. My wonderful new mom is helping me put directions to my alley in this package along with my blanket and we're mailing it special delivery to you in the North Pole. Thank you, Santa, for reading my letter. I will chant every day with paws crossed, "Merry Christmas Sophia ~ we're coming to get you."

With love and gratitude,

Love, Harley

