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**WISHBONE
LOTTERY**

**And the
WINNERS are...**



Lola: The Wishbone draw is complete and we have our winners!

Harley: Yahoo...how exciting!

Oakley: I know who they are because I was there but Mabel, why don't you announce them!

Jake: Drum roll please!

Mabel: And the winners are 

Cobi: Congratulations to the winners!

Jake: Yes indeed, although I'd hazard a guess that the biggest winners are our future Golden Retrievers!

Harley: And you've all probably heard the fantastic, phenomenal, remarkable, terrific, wonderful news that the Wishbone Lottery sold out for the first time in seven years.

Lola: A HUGE thank you to all of you who bought tickets ~ we are so grateful to each and every one of you.

Harley: And a GIGANTIC thank you to all our volunteers who sold tickets ~ we could not have done this without you.

Lola: Indeed! Thank you EVERYONE!

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Front Cover



Andy #3844 ~ Andy (previously Cheesecake) is just the sweetest boy. While I don't know what the first 18 months of his life were like, I do know that the rest of his life will be full of love and adventure. Andy loves a good belly rub, to play, and going on walks (and doesn't even complain when I put his booties on). He thinks snow is pretty cool and fun to jump into. Stairs are a bit scary since he doesn't have the best eyesight but as long as his seeing eye human (me) is by his side, he does just fine. Everyone who has met him just adores him and would like to steal him. Andy has already brought so much joy to my life and I can't thank Golden Rescue enough for all of the amazing work you do. Andy's name is inspired by the song 'You've Got a Friend in Me', which I've always thought perfectly describes the unconditional love that dogs give.

*Some other folks might be a little bit smarter than I am
Bigger and stronger too maybe
But none of them will ever love you the way I do
It's me and you, boy
And as the years go by
Our friendship will never die
You're gonna see, it's our destiny
You've got a friend in me*

Jessica

The Betty White Challenge

On what would have been Betty White's 100th birthday, a challenge was put out on social media to donate to animal rescue groups in Betty's memory. A well-known animal activist, the beloved actress would have been delighted at the world's response by honouring her most beloved cause...the protection of animals. Golden Rescue alone has received many generous donations directly related to The Betty White Challenge.

Meet Betty White #3871, a recent arrival to Canada, whose family named her Betty White. And, one of our recent rescues is a 10-year-old over-bred Golden, who came to us in bad shape. Golden Rescue named her Rose #3791 in memory of Betty White's famous character in The Golden Girls.

Thank you to the following people who rose to the challenge with a donation to Golden Rescue in Betty's memory. Because of you, we are able to save Golden Retrievers like Rose and Betty White:



ROSE #3791



BETTY WHITE #3871

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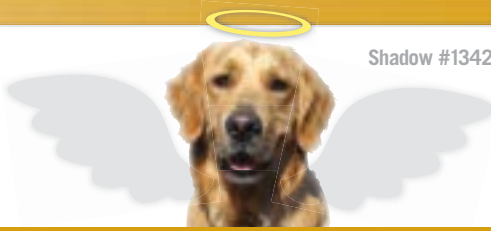
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And in the words of one of donors:

In celebration of Betty White on her 100th birthday and all of the good she did for the animals she loved along the way. In honour and gratitude for all you brought to the world. **RIP BETTY!**

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We'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Meet golden angels with golden hearts.

Paul Rogers

Paul first discovered GR while reading The Guardian in his vet's waiting room. Since then, he has done a number of things for Golden Rescue including joining the transportation team. His longest journey was from Toronto to Boston to pick up some Golden beauties arriving from Istanbul. Paul describes this trip as follows, "The Golden retrievers were hilarious. They had no interest in sleeping ~ they were too excited. We sure had some laughs and meeting the wonderful forever families was a great experience." These days, Paul is an integral part of the airport arrival crew. Paul claims that being a part of making second chances happen is good for the soul. What we know is that having Paul on the team is good for Golden Rescue and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts.



PAUL WITH ROXIE

Memories in Motion

Our second annual Memories in Motion event is coming soon! A fun-raiser in celebration of the wonderful memories of all our dogs ~ past and present. Get ready...get set...get in motion (or not)...with one of our newest fundraisers.

Complete one or more of our fun challenges designed to get you moving or perhaps you just want to read a book, log your Zoom minutes, count your daily steps or even count your trips to the coffee machine ~ you decide!

Challenge yourself, build a team, set your goals, and just have fun! More details to follow ~ stay tuned to all our social media channels. Check out our [Facebook group page](#) to see some of last year's shenanigans!



JULIE WITH MANNY

Thank You... Golden Angels!!

MEET & GREET



Gus #3563

We adopted Gus in August. The day we picked him up from the airport was one of the most special and memorable days of our lives! It was so heartwarming being surrounded by other families anxiously awaiting their Golden's arrival. There were over 40 Golden's who arrived that day and we were so surprised that Gus was out first! We instantly burst into tears when we saw him take his first little steps down the ramp...and we were immediately in love. To say we are obsessed with him would be an understatement...he is sweet, gentle, cuddly, and NEVER barks (except when a squirrel is taunting him). He politely waits until we are both awake before inviting himself on our bed for a cuddle. He freezes when he sees the hint of a person nearby, hoping they'll walk his way so he can say hello. He's an angel and we are so happy that he is part of our lives. We cannot thank Golden Rescue enough for your incredible work to save these special creatures.

Kelly & Trevor

Dogs & CBD

Once Canada legalized cannabis in October of 2018, my Toronto practice started to become inundated with clients requesting advice on treating their pets with CBD. As we all know, cannabis has been used to treat human ailments for centuries; however, information on treating canines was only anecdotal at best.

Today we do have several published studies; however, my number one piece of advice to clients who are interested in using cannabis for their pets is to do so under the guidance of their veterinarian.

Cannabis is composed of many phyto-cannabinoids, including THC and CBD. As a veterinarian, I do not recommend using THC in canine patients as I feel dogs, in particular, can be very reactive to this substance. For my clients that are seeking to treat pets with cannabis, I usually recommend products that contain predominantly CBD.

Why do my clients want to treat their dogs with CBD? There is an array of conditions that clients are hoping to treat but most often I get asked about osteoarthritis, anxiety, and occasionally seizures. Others are just trying to keep their pets comfortable as they enter into their geriatric years.

Is CBD safe? In my opinion, I believe it is quite safe for use in pets as long as it is used under veterinary supervision, in relatively

healthy animals, and that initial and follow-up diagnostics are performed to ensure there are no negative side effects. I also recommend that pets are gradually introduced to CBD. We always recommend 'start low and go slow'. It should also be noted that CBD can affect the same receptors that other veterinary drugs do and therefore may be contraindicated in some patients so always check with your veterinarian.

When it comes to sourcing CBD products, I only recommend products that are legal in Canada (available through government approved channels such as the Ontario Cannabis Store) and tell people to avoid black market products. Why is this? Cannabis grows similar to a weed, and as a result, it will absorb not only nutrients but potentially toxins from the ground. All legally approved products are tested for toxin levels and have accurate THC/CBD levels listed on the product whereas black market products are often not tested and dose strength can be variable.

Just to reiterate, cannabinoid medicine is not for everyone but if you are interested in using CBD to treat your pet's ailments, I strongly recommend doing so under the guidance of your veterinarian and only use CBD products available through government approved sources.

**By Dr. Scott Bainbridge,
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THE TRAINING CORNER



ALL DOG TRAINING IS NOT THE SAME

In this edition I'd like to shed some light on the various training methods and how training has evolved over the years. Just like everything in life, everything evolves. We find ways to do things better. If you think back 50 or more years ago, people thought nothing about spanking their kids with a belt to get compliance. However, we have learned there are far more kinder and respectful ways of training our children. This is true of dog training as well.

During the two world wars, corporal punishment was how they trained military dogs. This way of training continued after the war. I remember when I was a young child, my father had brought home a dog that someone had given up. She peed on the living room carpet and my father grabbed her by the collar to drag her outside and then beat her with a bicycle tire. That poor dog didn't know how to signal us to let us know that she needed to go out, nor did she know where 'out' was. What a horrible experience for a dog who was just given up by her family. But that's the way things were done back then.

In 1994, when we got our first Golden, we took her to a dog training class. When we arrived, the first thing they gave us was a choke chain and a leash. Back then, that's how dogs were trained to walk nicely on a leash. We were never fans of

choke chains but we were new to dog training and didn't know any better. The trainer told us that when our dog started to pull ahead, give a quick pop on the choke chain so that it quickly tightened and then released around their neck. If they really pulled, the choke chain would remain tight around their neck. Our second Golden was also trained using this same method, and the first time we used the choke chain on her, she became fearful. Fortunately, our veterinarian recommended a gentle leader, also known as a head harness. It does take some dogs a little time to get used to it but both our Golden's adjusted to them very quickly and walked far better on the gentle leader. I still train my dogs using a gentle leader today.

Tools such as choke chains, e-collars, and prong or pinch collars is known as aversive training. This method uses force and fear to get the dog to do what they're supposed to do. If they don't do what they're supposed to do, something unpleasant will happen.

One of the first things we did back then was lay on top of our dog and wait for them to stop struggling to show them we are alpha or dominant. They had used force to get our dog

into a sit or down by pushing their body into position. The alpha or dominant theory was scientifically disproven back in 2009. There are many excellent articles on this topic. Here is one if you'd like to check it out from the Association of Professional Dog Trainers ~ <https://apdt.com/resource-center/dominance-and-dog-training/>. Today we know better. And when you know better, you do better. Unfortunately, there are still trainers out there that use the aversive method.

Fortunately, training evolved and a kinder more respectful way of training was developed. Force-free or Positive Reward-Based training was developed in 1947 but it didn't catch on here in North America until the 80's and thank goodness it did! It was endorsed by Karen Pryor and Dr. Ian Dunbar. Who's Walking Who started using this training in the 90's and we continue to use this along with games-based concept training (recognized as the next evolution in dog training) which I'll talk about in a minute.

Positive Reward-Based training, often referred to as clicker training, is a far more humane and respectful way of training your dog. It's important to remain positive when training because if we become frustrated, it will travel down the leash and your dog will have no idea why you're upset with them. We also use a 'marker'. The marker



might be a clicker, although we did away with those years ago because many found them difficult to use at the right time. Instead, we use the word 'yes' to let the dog know they got it right. With this type of training, we use food to reward the dog and let them know they got it right. The food reward is your dog's paycheque. In our classes, we tell students to use their dog's kibble as much as possible for training. Simply take some of their daily allowance of food out of their bowl and set it aside for training. That way they are working for their food. It's easier to wean them off kibble as a reward than it is to wean them off treats. However, it's important to have some extra high-value treats for those more challenging things you are trying to teach like recall or not chasing squirrels.

Then we have what's called a Balanced Approach to training. In a nutshell, Balanced Dog Training involves the use of both reward-based techniques, and aversive consequences. In other words, the trainer shows the dog that their choices and behaviours can result in either pleasant or unpleasant results.

They start out by using a Positive Reward-Based method to do something and if they don't, they switch to an aversive method. In other words, they start out using a kind and respectful method and then switch to fear if the dog doesn't comply. Imagine if someone did that to you? This creates a distrusting dog.

Once again, dog training is evolving and Games Based Concept training is seen as the next evolution in dog training. It originated in Europe



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

about 12 years ago and is widely used there and has gained popularity in North America over the past few years. Susan Garrett is a big advocate of games-based training here. Absolute Dogs is recognized world-wide for this type of training. Games work on reshaping the dog's brain to make better decisions without us telling them what to do. It works on 16 concepts including impulse control, proximity (to their owner), disengagement (from the environment), engagement with the owner (when there are distractions), confidence, flexibility, being able to bring excitement levels down, etc. We use the games created by Absolute

Dogs (there are over 200) and each game works on 3 – 7 specific concepts. Training is short and fun. One of their mottos is 'Train for a fun time, not a long time'. Imagine having a dog that looks at a squirrel and makes the decision not to chase it or, when off leash, makes the decision to hang out with you rather than taking off. These are the types of things games-based concept training teaches your dog. At Who's Walking Who, we use a combination of Positive Reward Based training and Games Based Concept training because this provides our students with better, faster, real life results.

The last thing I want to leave you with is that if you are thinking of sending your dog to a 'Board and Train', do your research. Find out exactly what method of training they use. Another thing to consider is that your dog may do things for the trainer, but will they do it for you when they're back home? That's why we believe it's important to teach the student how to train their dog. After all, they are your best friend.

When looking for a dog training school, make sure you find out exactly what type of training method(s) they use, because not all dog training is the same.

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.





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"Thanks a lot pal, how the heck am I supposed to bag this one!!"

Third-Pawty Fun-Raising

Have a great idea to do some Fun-Raising for Golden Rescue? You can help by planning and running your own fundraising event and enjoy a fun, team-building experience ~ all to show your passion for supporting giving Golden Retrievers a second chance!

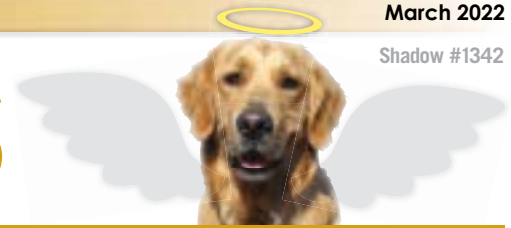
What does Third-Pawty mean? Well, it means that you will run your own fun-raising event with your great ideas and we will support you by helping promote it, and give you the promotional materials you might need.

Some ideas for Third-Pawty Fun-Raising include:

- Garage Sales
- Bake Sales
- Lemonade Stands
- Car Wash
- Driveway Concerts
- “Dress Down Days” at work (donate \$5 to wear jeans on Fridays)
- Baseball, Bowling, Dart or Golf Tournaments
- Anything else you want to do!

For more information, please email fundraising@goldenrescue.ca

GOLDEN ANGELS



We'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Meet golden angels with golden hearts.

Danielle Brisbin & Matthew O'Neill

Danielle grew up with a Golden/Lab mix, which is when she fell in love with the breed. She was introduced to GR through a friend in 2013 and decided to start fostering, which has been a very enriching experience for her. With her partner Matt, they have fostered many Golden Retrievers and say the following about the foster program ~ “People often ask how we can foster because it means having to say good-bye at the end. We tell them about Golden Rescue’s careful selection process for adoptive families and how this makes letting them go a little easier as we know the Golden is going to the perfect family.” But they did admit that there are still a few tears on adoption day. Fostering has been an incredible experience for them and we find them to be incredible fosters as they are caring, loving, and easy to work with. Thank you both ~ you are a joy to have on our team.



DANIELLE & MATTHEW WITH JACK #3863

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GOLDEN NUGGETS

Quotes from Potential Adopters

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...

Why do you want to adopt a rescue Golden?

- Why? The ears, the smiles, the floof, the flowing locks, the goofy-love-bug-ness, the snuggles and assertive cuddles and kisses, the sprawling on the bed, the prances, the outrageously inappropriate morning alarm clock, the backyard sunshine hangouts, the meadow hikes, the beach days playing in the surf, the stick hunting...we can go on!
- I live in a beautiful area of trails and lakes. Any dog who becomes a part of my family will be included in all activities like walking, hiking, camping, boating, and just cuddling on the couch.

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MEET & GREET



Charlie #3776

Eight-year-old Charlie came from Cairo and, in a few short months, has settled in beautifully. He loves his walks and waits with great anticipation for his exercise. His energy levels have gotten better and better since he arrived ~ probably due to a better diet and weather that isn't so oppressive. He has obviously had some training in his previous life as he seems to be quite familiar with our human ways. We call him our sweet angel and our grandkids love him to bits. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for rescuing this lovely boy and letting us care for and love him.

Sandra

A MESSAGE FROM TREASURY:

If you send monies via electronic funds transfer, please add reason for transfer and contact information (email) in the message. This will assist with sending your charitable tax receipt, as well as contacting you if we need additional information.

THANK YOU!

* * * SPECIAL ADOPTION ALERT * * *

Sweet, sweet Morgan #3790 can't find a home (because she's expensive)...but it's not her fault. She is desperate to find a family...might it be you?



Hi everyone...I'm 6-year-old Morgan. My wonderful foster dad describes me as a very well-behaved girl ~ loyal, loving, beautiful, and kind, who adores her people. I do try to be good but I do have a huge medical issue...too complicated for me to talk about, but it's totally treatable but it does take time and patience. I need medicated baths, vitamin supplements, medications, and special food. Altogether, the cost is around \$500 bones a month. I am so sorry about that but it seems to be the hand I was dealt and there's not much I can do about it except apologize... unless you want me to get a job (teehee). Other

than that, I'm your typical, loving, goofy Golden. I know my commands. I'm actually not bad on the leash, particularly with a harness. I love people and other dogs are okay by me, unless they are pushy or aggressive...then I respond in kind, so you could say I like dogs but I'm choosy about which ones I like and I don't back down if they're aggressive, so it's important how you introduce me to other dogs. Because of my medical condition, it might be better if I'm the only dog in the family and maybe no children for now as I do need a bit of special attention to keep me clean and healthy. To be truthful, I asked for no other

pets or kids in the house because I want all the attention...it's all about me, you know (teehee). Despite all this, I'm a very active girl and I love the great outdoors ~ walking, running, hiking, and swimming (but not in pools)...but cuddling on the couch is also one of my favourite pastimes. I do like to chase critters so no cats for me. Well, that's about it for me. I would love to meet you and show you my love and gratitude to you and all the wonderful people at GR who have helped me along the way.

Foster location: Ottawa, ON

If you would like to speak with Morgan's placement volunteer, please email placements@goldenrescue.ca.



#2557

askLUCY

Dear Lucy: Why do I see some of my friends kicking up the lawn after they pee? I don't do it but should I be? Oakley

Dear Oakley: Less than 10% of our cousins do this ~ thank goodness or our family's lawns would be a mess. It is actually a behaviour passed down from our wolf ancestors as a marking/territorial maneuver. Most of us aren't worried about our territories as our wonderful families give us lots of space to feel safe and call home.

Dear Lucy: Why am I afraid of that darn vacuum cleaner? Nervous Nelly

Dear Nelly: We are often afraid of noises we are unfamiliar with. There is a school of thought that we will be afraid of things/noises if we haven't been exposed to them when we were pups (up to 16 weeks of age). So, if we didn't hear thunder in our first 16 weeks, we're likely to be afraid of thunder; therefore, it means you

were probably not exposed to a vacuum when you were young. Don't worry...the vacuum won't eat you. It might take off some of your shedding hair though (LOL).

Dear Lucy: I really like eating grass. What's that about and is it okay that I do? Grazing Gracie

Dear Lucy: Lots of us eat grass. In fact, one school of thought is that we simply like its taste. Some say it's because our ancestors were natural omnivores (plant and meat eaters) so it is natural to include plant material (i.e. grass) in our diets. Some say we do it when our tummies are upset. I'm not sure about any of that but I'm with you ~ I like the taste.

Dear Lucy: Okay, this is an embarrassing question. Why do I sniff the butt of every new dog I meet? Am I weird? Willy

Dear Willy: No, you are not weird at all. Our sense of smell is so acute, we can tell a lot about a dog by smelling their butts. We can determine if they are an old acquaintance or a new one, if they are male or female or if they are passive or aggressive. Quite amazing, right?

Dear Lucy: Does our family really need to pick up our poop? Won't it just decompose? Wanda

Dear Wanda: Very good question. Yes, it will decompose on its own. 'Decompose' is a big word BTW. But back when baby boomers came of age (50 years ago) they started to pick up their dog waste to keep their neighbourhoods clean. This is common place around the world now but it created another problem as most of it was being picked up in plastic bags that do not

decompose, adding to the more than one billion single-use plastic bags that North Americans use every year. As they say 'sometimes when you solve a problem, you just create another'. Humans are working on not using plastic these days. You can get 'earth rated' eco-friendly bags that can put in wet waste or you can get biodegradable bags. An interesting fact ~ dog poop totals about 10 million tons per year (that's more than human waste in 1959).

Dear Lucy: Why do many of us eat our own poop? Harley

Dear Harley: Good question and we're back on the poop subject. Some vets believe we are mimicking our mothers, who we watched growing up. Moms used to eat our feces in order to protect us from predators as without our poop, there is no scent to track. These days, we don't have as many predators as we used to but old habits die hard. But the truth is, I don't really know and I don't think anyone does.

Dear Lucy: Why do I sleep so much? Should I be worried? Dozy Dora

Dear Dora: Don't worry. We sleep quite a lot and it is totally normal. Large dogs sleep more and we fall into that category. Also, as we get older, we need more sleep. But here is what some vets say is normal ~ 50% of our lives sleeping, 30% resting (i.e relaxing), and 20% active. So, worry not...as Paul McCartney so beautifully sang: "Golden slumbers fill your eyes".

All my love, Lucy X🐾X

The Importance of the Leash

Your leash is a vital tool in dog training and knowing how to use it properly is crucial to success with your dog.

Leash handling is the ability to connect with and direct your dog to anywhere you want them to go using your leash. Operating your leash is as important to leading your dog as the reins on a horse. When people ride horses, they do so with nothing more than a little leather strap connected to a 1,500 lb animal. The rider can't physically hold the animal back using brute strength alone. What they can do is use their body movements and the horses' reins to indicate the appropriate direction. This is what leash handling is all about ~ doing the same thing with your dog using the leash.

The art of the technique is keeping the leash loose at all times. The only time it should ever be tight is for that split second when you're correcting your dog away from things like danger, going the wrong way or an unwanted distraction, and then you should immediately return right back to a loose leash again.

The more you hold back on a tight leash, the more your dog is going to try and pull. This is where human instinct can fail us. Our problem, as humans, is that our instincts tell us to hold tight on that leash to keep the dog from pulling or getting away. Instead, you need to resist those instincts and practice keeping that leash loose and releasing that collar immediately after every quick



tug that you exert upon the leash when directing your dog. And combine that with lots of motivation and verbal praise like patting your leg while calling the dog's name and saying, "good dog", "let's go", and "this way!" in a happy voice as they follow your direction. You are mimicking mother dog, who is giving her pup a quick tug at the neck to tell them to follow her. It often communicates lifesaving information like follow me this way, stay away from that, be quiet, and danger nearby.

Another good leash technique to use when walking a dog that pulls is to put the leash behind your back and hold the loop locked tight to your body on the side opposite of the dog so that you can use your legs and whole body to resist when they start pulling you, without getting your arm yanked off. People typically have more strength in their waist and legs and find it easier to control a strong puller using this technique. At the same time, stay balanced and keep your feet slightly apart and firmly placed on the ground. When the dog pulls, you will feel the leash tighten across your thigh. Take a step forward with your right leg and then one step back with your left. It looks very much like a baseball stance and will create a quick pull and release on the leash and sets the 'line in the sand' where the dog learns it can't cross and pull you. This technique is particularly useful in elevators and vet offices ~ anywhere in tight quarters.

One thing dogs love to do when you're not paying attention to them is picking up something they know they're not allowed to have and come and show it to you. If you take a step towards the dog, they will instinctively run away and start the chase game, which is exactly what they want and what you do not. If you have a leash on instead of



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

moving towards them, you can move towards the end of the leash. This eliminates the chase and allows you to control your dog with ease.

Another important piece of advice for someone who wants to learn how to operate their leash properly would be to keep an eye on your elbows. We humans have a bad habit of bending our elbows as soon as we are holding a leash, especially the left elbow, and we pull the leash straight up in response to our dogs pulling which can cause damage to the dog's neck and should be avoided at all costs. The proper direction is

not up...it's to the side, so keep your elbows straight to avoid pulling up.

When you're raising a rescue dog, it's best at first to keep a leash on them most of the time.

Think of it like the training wheels for your bike ~ you're not going to use them forever; however, you need to get your balance before you take away that safety net. Having the leash attached to your dog allows you to control your dog and their actions and is an important way to teach your dog so they learn what proper behaviour is. If your dog misbehaves, all you have to do is step on that leash to grab it and you are now able to direct your dog to the correct behaviour or location that you want them in. Remember, the leash is your connection to your dog and using it correctly with the proper body language is how you communicate with them.

**By Peter Brown,
Owner and
Professional
Dog Trainer at
Alpha Paws**



Upcoming Events

Join us, have fun, and help Golden!

Wednesday, March 16th ~ 7 pm

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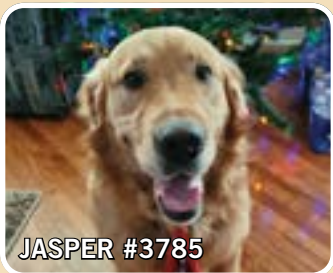
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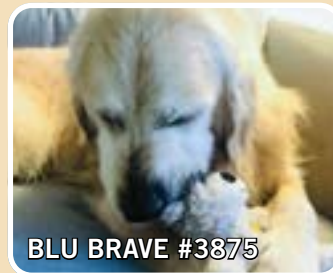
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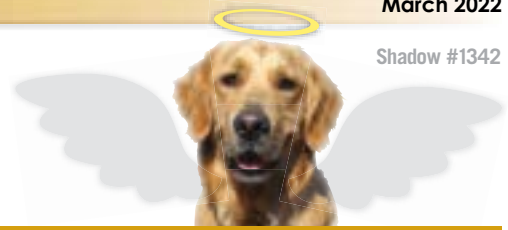
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.....Welcome home Golden.....



MEET & GREET



GOLDEN ANGELS

We'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Meet golden angels with golden hearts.

Cheryl O'Neill & Brian Sangster

Brian and Cheryl are both long-time dog lovers. After losing his beloved Golden, Hayley, Brian came across Golden Rescue and thought it was the ideal time to see if he could help, thus making the passing of Hayley a little easier. Both of these golden angels help with transporting and they are integral members of the airport arrival crew. Cheryl handles photography at the airport when the precious Golden cargo arrives for the social media team. Whatever needs to be done at the airport or anywhere for that matter, this Golden-loving can-do couple put their hands up for anything that needs to be done. We are so lucky to have them on our team and they are a joy to work with.



CHERYL & BRIAN

Reese #3563

Reese is doing very well and we believe he is perfect! He absolutely loves the snow and every time there is a fresh dump of snow, he is nose deep in the backyard rolling around like he has seen it his whole life. He wasn't too keen on going to the bathroom the other morning when he got his first taste of -30 weather ~ but what do you expect, considering where he came from. He has adapted so well to Canada and we simply love him. Thank you so much for sending him to us.

Jen & Matt

Thank You... Golden Angels!!

Happy Shopping!

AT THE GR STORE

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since the opening of the Golden Rescue Store and it has been a very golden year. We have you, our supporters, to thank for this. Over the past year, we have added many new items, including our custom welcome mat, wine glasses, golf accessories, and jewellery...just to name a few.

We anticipate adding new items every month. For starters, we have added our 'Who Rescued Who?' pins and the combo 'Dog Mom' socks with Golden Rescue toques, which are sold together. Check the store for available colours. Please ensure that you check the store frequently, so you don't miss out ~ some of our products are a limited supply.

Here's looking forward to another great year and as always, we welcome any comments or suggestions.

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.



Thank You for Shopping With us!

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GOLDEN RESCUE ONLINE 50-50 DRAW



**Help us Help Goldens –
It's a Win-Win!**

Next draw starts March 21st ~ 9:00 am

New for 2022! Our draws will run for five to six weeks, instead of four, giving us a chance to build our jackpots! We will also have two Early Bird draws, each with a chance to win one (or more) prizes. Stay tuned to all our social media channels and check your emails for all the details.

Visit the [website](#) to buy tickets and for draw details. We need your help to continue making this a success! Please buy tickets and help spread the word.

If you would like to donate gift cards or cash for our Early Bird prizes, please [email](mailto:5050@goldenrescue.ca) us at 5050@goldenrescue.ca.

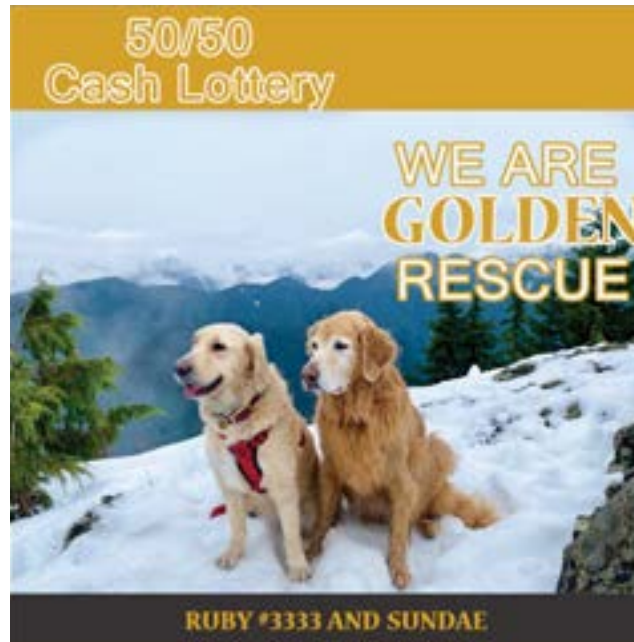
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Merry #3859

Merry is an absolute dream. She's beautiful, petite, loving, and very affectionate. We are so excited to give Merry the life she deserves. We are a married couple with two boys and Merry also enjoys the company of our other dog and cat. She is quite possibly the most affectionate dog we've ever met. It's quite amazing how much we can learn from these dogs in terms of their capacity to love, to forgive, and to live in the moment. For now, she is adjusting well and making herself at home. Everyone is absolutely in love with her (well, not our cat just yet but she'll come around). Our utmost thanks to the extremely generous sponsor who allowed for this sweet angel girl to have a better life...a life that makes ours that much sweeter!

Deanna & Chris



Help Us Help Goldens – CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

Golden Rescue continues to grow and evolve...and we're looking for volunteers! Might that be you? We run solely with volunteers ~ a wonderfully dedicated group sharing a common vision to safeguard the well-being of every Golden in our care. Our work is hugely rewarding and we would love to hear from you. We currently have needs in a number of areas.

Events Team reorganization

With Covid easing and in anticipation of resuming/strengthening GR events in the future, we are looking to restructure our Events Team. To do this, we need to fill a number of volunteer roles. Events are an important part of our efforts to increase awareness. It is also a significant part of our fundraising efforts. There is perhaps no better way to accomplish both than to have our goofy, rescued Goldens and their forever families at an event talking to interested passers-by. These are not only important positions...they are also very rewarding. All of the roles can be tailored to your availability and most of them can be done from your home. Here are some areas where you could help:

Team Leaders

We need a number of people to lead and help organize various events across the country. The duties would include overseeing an event from the approval process right through the event itself and its reconciliation. You will receive our full support and be trained by experienced volunteers.

Event Researchers

We need volunteers in a number of provinces to

explore what events might be available in your area including flea/farmers markets, seasonal fairs, tag days, etc. and, once identified, finding out if they are appropriate for our involvement.

Logistic Coordinators

We need people to organize transportation and supplies (i.e. tents, tables, merchandise, posters, etc.)

On-Site Event Coordinators

On the day of the event, set-up is required. Also, it is imperative to have on-site presence by someone who will act as a resource to the volunteers and ensure that the volunteer shifts are adequately covered. At the end of the event, all materials need to be taken away and organized.

Volunteer Coordinators

This role is geared to organizing volunteers to participate at GR's various events. Most events happen between April and December and each volunteer would be responsible for arranging volunteer coverage for three to four events a year. This is mainly an email communication role

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Frickle #3163

Dear sweet Frickle holds every single day with hope, smiles, and tail wags that are unprecedented. She helps us cope through this troubled pandemic. She is so loved and such a special soul, who found her way all the way from Istanbul to me in Ottawa to bring such joy to so many. My parents were locked down again over the holiday season in long-term care but they telephoned her and sent special whistles by phone for her 5th birthday. She is so patient who is always smiling. She has a very special spirit that makes life that much easier. I really don't know what I'd do without her. Thank you and your teams for what you do for so many Goldens, but especially for connecting Frickle with me.

Sharon

and we would train you on how to contact the various volunteers and their Golden companions. There is no need to attend the event as this is an organizational and coordinating role rather than an active on-site role.

Eblast Creators

We are looking for design-minded volunteers to join our team and help create visually appealing eblasts ~ individuals with graphic design and MailChimp experience to help us take our e-communications to the next level! If you are creative, passionate about rescue, and enjoy being part of a dynamic team, we would love to hear from you. **Time commitment:** 5-10 hours per month

Airport Arrival Volunteers

Our International Mission of Love is one of the most important projects we have embarked on. It is also one of the most rewarding volunteer teams...to see needy, transplanted Golden retrievers arrive, sticking their noses out of their crates, staring at a new land. It brings tears to the eyes of all who are lucky enough to be there. We need volunteers for specific roles at the Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver airports and initially you will shadow experienced volunteers.

Customs Paperwork Coordinators

You will be responsible for submitting documents and fees to Canada Customs. This is an extremely important role and it requires patience and a calm and cool personality to ensure the timely clearing of our precious cargo and their exit out of their crates to their awaiting forever families. We will train you on all that is required

and it only takes a few hours of your time on flight arrival days.

Airport Greeters

You would be responsible for communicating with the flight parents and foster-to-adopt families at the airport, welcoming the Golden retrievers, and sending them safely on their way. There may be some clean-up duties as well. This can be a very emotional experience so Kleenex is strongly recommended.

Vet Onboarding Volunteers

This role is critical to finding new supporting veterinarians. Supporting vets offer a variety of services and discounts and, as a registered charity, these arrangements are essential for us to continue our high level of Golden care. This requires personable communication, persistence, and good follow-through. We will train you on how best to approach vets and explain the mutually beneficial reasons to support us. We already have over 60 supporting vets, so the story is not a hard one to relate.

Do You Think You Can Help Us Help Golden Retrievers?

Do you think you can help us help Golden Retrievers? They're counting on you...and so are we. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please let us know by emailing: teamresources@goldenrescue.ca

THANK YOU!

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Bentley #3815

Bentley arrived from Cairo and quickly melted our hearts. We had previously rescued Charlie #2675 from Istanbul four years ago and he is much older and more laid-back than Bentley. It took Bentley a little while to understand that Charlie needed space but today these boys get along beautifully ~ and they eat together and walk together...two international buddies enjoying Canadian life. The thing we love most about Bentley is how quickly he became affectionate and trusting towards us. It makes us feel so good and underscores what a two-way street rescue is as far as who rescued who? We are so grateful to all the volunteers and supporters who make the Rescue Mission of Love possible and for bringing wonderful Bentley into our lives.

Pascale

Top 10 Tips for Overseas Rescues by Cleo #3357

Hi. My name is Cleo and I'm rescue #3357. I came to Canada from Cairo over a year ago and am loving life in my new forever home. I learned a lot from my older sister Sugar Plum #2526 from Istanbul; however, she sadly passed away after a bout with cancer. Our family recently got a new pup from Cairo, Layla #3761, so I guess I'm the BIG sister now. I'm doing my best to pass on the lessons learned from Sugar Plum and also from my own shenanigans so here it goes:

1 Learn to fetch Master Pack Leader's slippers ~ you get extra treats. It also comes in handy when clumsy Master drops gloves and hats on the trail. You can fetch them for more treats!



2 If Master Pack Leader puts winter boots on you, don't chew them off. They actually help keep the snow from clumping between your toes.

3 Try to sit still in the middle while on canoe trips or just nap. Save your energy for the campsite so you can chase chipmunks.

4 Even if you tip the scales at 66 pounds (or more), humans love it when you sit in their lap. Might as well give 'em a face wash too. If you entice your sister to join you on their human's lap, it makes them laugh even harder (and, if humans can sit on couches, so can you).

5 If you want to hear humans scream, just catch them a mouse and bring it inside.

6 If you want to drive the humans crazy, grab socks or underwear and leave them all over the house. They also love it when you greet them at the door with a pair.

7 Bark at every noise outside ~ it's your job.

8 DO NOT let squirrels into the yard under any circumstances. Chase 'em out. You are much better at digging holes than those pesky rodents.

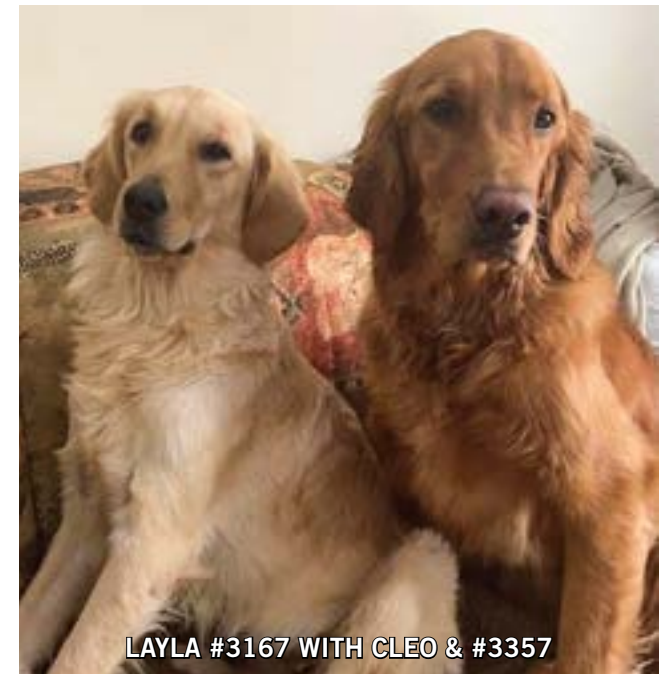
9 Don't grab food off the table or countertops. You will get into trouble. Instead, just open your eyes wide and look sad. They'll feel sorry for you and give you treats or a nice teddy bear.

10 Fetching a ball as quickly as you can is important, even if it means tearing straight through a screened-in gazebo.

I'm still learning new lessons every day. The best one is to love your humans and siblings and they will love you back tenfold. So, if you get a new brother or sister, take care of them and teach them everything you know...and especially take care of your clumsy humans.



CLEO #3357 WITH SUGARPLUM #2526



LAYLA #3167 WITH CLEO & #3357

Welcome to Canada Cleo!

PICNIC

Celebrating 30 Years of Rescue – Take THREE



Join us for our PICNIC because IT WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR and it will be a fantastic, fun-filled, fur-flying day for you and your Golden fuzz-balls!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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COST: \$15 per person or \$30 per family

RSVP: If you want to attend or volunteer, please RSVP to let us know who is coming ~ two and four-legged at picnic@goldenrescue.ca.

Golden Rescue is committed to your wellbeing. Please be assured that the picnic WILL be held this year using protocols needed to keep all picnickers safe and, to that end, we may be asking for proof of vaccination. We will post specific guidelines as the picnic date approaches.

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Philo #3679

I was rescued from the streets of Cairo. When the shelter rescued me, I was in really bad condition as I had mange. I was covered in blood and I could hardly move because of the swelling in my paws. I was also very anemic and had a high fever...a temperature of 41. The shelter started to treat my condition the day I arrived. It was a very anxious time as they almost lost me a few, but they persevered and provided around-the-clock care. They treated me with medications and, for my body, they used manuka honey to help with the mange. It was a long process but I was resilient and determined to survive (I was only four months old at the time). I arrived in Toronto in August and was welcomed by my new loving family. I have gained 15 pounds, grown two inches, and am developing a beautiful coat. I have people who love me and a couple of dog friends who are teaching me the ropes. I love to play and can jump very high ~ you would never know how weak a cold weather, which is pretty important living here. By the way, my family named me Philo after Philo of Alexandria...a first century Jewish philosopher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt. They wanted to honour my past and my present. I think the name suits me. While I am full of energy, I am also a thoughtful boy with a deep soul...that's what my family claims. Thank you to my rescuers in Cairo. Thank you, Golden Rescue, and thank you to my amazing new Canadian family. I love you all very much.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“I figure we’ve lost about a dozen this year — how about you guys?”

MEET & GREET

Gracie #3753

Gracie came to us recently from Cairo. She is very sweet and loving and has been adopted into our family. She took to snow as if it was second nature. A very intelligent girl, she has picked up our routine quickly. Gracie is settling in nicely and adapting well, although we need to work on making her feel that being left alone for short periods of time doesn’t mean she’s being abandoned again.

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Priya #3361

Hi...my name is Priya and I’ve been a proud Canadian citizen for just over a year. My journey to Canada from Cairo was a little different than some of my friends that Golden Rescue helps bring to Canada. As excited as I was to start my new life, I was not feeling well. I was really sleepy, didn’t feel like eating, had a hard time breathing, and even had trouble keeping water down. My new friends were nice but they seemed really worried about me so they kept bringing me to this place called the vet-er-in-ar-ian, who also seemed worried. While I didn’t mind the attention, I didn’t really like getting poked and prodded. They also started playing this

new game called ‘I’m so sorry’ where they forced this liquid called ‘medicine’ down my throat, but I wasn’t about to take it willingly. And you know what? I think they started hiding it in my treats... pretty smart, eh? After a couple of months, I really felt great and boy, was I hungry. The world around me started to seem so interesting ~ birds, plants, dirt, snow...it was all wonderful. I love walking with my new friends, car rides, meeting other dogs at the park, and most of all...snuggles. Oh, and those new friends of mine? Now I call them ‘dad’.

Daryl & Eric

HELP. HOPE. HOME: They're desperate for us to rescue them!

Kramer #3160 has a lot on his mind...



Hi...I'm Kramer #3160. Yes, I know, I'm driving a car. I'm a Golden. I'm smart. And I have a lot on my mind. Believe it or not, some of us can think of other stuff besides treats, toys, naps, and food. Actually, sometimes I get my best ideas when I'm driving. Maybe you do too! Anyhoo, this is the idea I've come up with. The amazing people at Golden Rescue want to give you a peek behind the scenes and show you why they're revving up with a brand-new fundraising campaign. They've got a gargantuan goal to rescue 222 Golden retrievers, because it's 2022 ~ makes sense, right? And get this, they're calling this campaign Help, Hope, Home. Catchy, right? They HELP Golden retrievers. They give Golden retrievers HOPE. And they find Golden retrievers a forever HOME. **HELP, HOPE, HOME** ~ I thought it was worth repeating.

But we have to move fast. Why? Because right this minute, they're out there...my friends ~ abandoned, mistreated, frightened, and alone. And oh, by the way, rescuing 222 Golden retrievers is only

a fraction of those in peril. Unfortunately, there are thousands of Golden retrievers who need our help.

I'm so doggone crazy, over-the-moon, excited about this new campaign that I even emptied my Goldie Bank (like a piggy bank only for Golden retrievers) and tossed in the first \$25,000 to kick off the campaign. Oh yes, I did! You see, I'm one of the lucky ones. I cheated misery ~ because of Golden Rescue. I live in paradise because of Golden Rescue and my forever family. Guess you could say I'm paying it forward. And now I want a whole bunch of my buddies to experience the life that I have. But it's going to take some digging into your Goldie Banks.

So I'm drivin' and thinkin' ~ how about every week for, let's say, the next ten weeks, I dish out the goods, spill the beans, and let the cat out of the bag ~ that one cracks me up ~ about what's really going on in Cairo and Istanbul and explain to you why Golden Rescue works 24-7-365 to bring so many of my friends to Canada. Sound like a plan?

For starters, check out this video from Istanbul. This is the only way some of my friends, Golden retrievers and others, get fed. Kind people go to feed the hungry and isolated. But sometimes bad people get there first and poison my friends. Can you imagine ~ tricking my friends to eat poison? Unthinkable! It hurts my heart every time I watch this.



[Click here to watch...](#)

Just about to park the car ~ always a bit dicey ~ but before I do, I've got a challenge for you. Can anyone out there match my \$25,000 donation? Okay, how about a \$10 donation? Or maybe you'd like to sponsor the flight for one of my friends to come to Canada for \$1,500. Or simply donate what you can. ["A Message from Kramer"](#)

Let's bring 222 Golden retrievers home! Let's save them from the fearful streets and desolate forest. They all deserve to be snuggled. They all deserve love. They all deserve hope.



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