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HUGO #4217, MERLIN #2286 & LANCELOT #2835



ARE YOU A *golden retriever* BELIEVER?





## Iris #3971

It was love at first sight with Iris. This nine-month-old pup filled our hearts with love from the moment she walked down the ramp at Pearson airport. She has embraced cottage life in the summer and loves her family walks with her Golden Doodle cousin Kona in the city in winter. She has filled our home with love, hugs, and kisses. This sweet girl has wiggled her way into our hearts and we cannot express how grateful we are.

Janice & Fred

# Happy Mother's Day

## SHOPPING AT THE GR STORE



As many of you are aware, the Golden Rescue Store recently moved to Shopify. From the comments we have received, it has been a great success and many are saying it is so much easier now to shop.

What's next...Mother's Day! We have two different designs of our plantable cards for Mother's Day. As well, our just-arrived leggings would be a perfect Golden gift to any mother (please note that the paw prints on ours are brown, not purple.)



**SCAN  
HERE TO  
SHOP!**



Coming in May, our updated garden stakes and plant hangers will be available ~ in time for Mother's Day and spring.

As always, any questions, comments or suggestions for the store are gladly appreciated. Please email us at [grstore@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:grstore@goldenrescue.ca).



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CANADIAN GOLDEN RETRIEVER ADOPTION SERVICE INC.

## Mission Statement

### SECOND CHANCES FOR GOLDENS 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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## Front Cover

Meet Hugo #4217, Merlin #2286, and Lancelot #2835! These three brothers all came from international destinations ~ Merlin and Lancelot from Istanbul and Hugo from Cairo. These wonderful boys have adapted to Canada beautifully and love their fantastic lives with their new forever mom. As different as night and day, these boys fill their home with laughter and love every single day. Even more amazingly, Merlin is a tripod and Hugo's back end was totally paralyzed when he arrived in Canada, given little or no hope for ever walking. He proved them all wrong and is running around with his new brothers. Who says there are no such thing as miracles. Read more about them in the 'Matchmaking' stories.



# GOLDEN EVENTS



HAPPY FACES FROM THE 2022 GR PICNIC

It was so great to resume face-to-face events in 2022! We held 15 events across British Columbia and Ontario and raised a total of \$9,960 in donations along with \$3,170 in sales. Something NEW that we did at our events this year was encourage folks to get involved by joining our email list...132 NEW people were registered to receive our emails, which is so important in expanding the GOLDEN word and raising awareness! A BIG thank you to the folks who made the events possible as well as those who attended and support us. We are excited about what is in store for 2023.

## Upcoming Events

Help us spread the GOLDEN word! We need YOU ~ volunteers and visitors! If you are interested in volunteering with your Golden for a few hours, click here to send an email to our events team. Indicate which event you would like to help with and the hours you are available. Tell your friends, mark your calendars, and hope to see you soon!

### Sunday, April 16th

#### Ottawa Farmers Market

Aberdeen Pavilion, Lansdowne Park,  
1000 Exhibition Way, Ottawa, ON  
10 am – 3 pm

### Wednesday, June 14th

#### Carp Farmers Market

3790 Carp Road, Carp, ON (Ottawa)  
8 am – 1 pm

### Saturday, August 19th

#### Huntsville-Muskoka Summer Market

10 am – 6 pm

### Saturday, September 16th

**SAVE THE DATE ~ Golden Rescue Picnic**  
Viamede Resort

Please consider volunteering at one of our upcoming events. Your Golden is especially welcome! Just drop us a quick email at [volunteer@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:volunteer@goldenrescue.ca) and indicate which event you're interested in.

## Third-Party Events

Help Golden Rescue by organizing your own event. Third-party events do more than benefit our Golden financially. They help create awareness in your own community. They can bind neighbours and friends together for a common goal. They can be a source of team-building activity between co-workers. And they can teach the spirit of giving to your children and their classmates. In other words, while giving to Golden Rescue, you will also be giving to each other.

### Here are some ideas to get you going:

- Birthdays/Celebrations ~ instead of gifts, why not ask your family to donate to Golden Rescue on your behalf.
- Car Washes/Bake Sales
- A-thons – dance, run, skate, bowl, walk, swim, cycle, etc. Volunteers commit to participating in an event by collecting pledges.
- Community Yard/Garage Sales
- Wine Tastings, Hostess Lunches, Suppers, BBQs, Holiday or Cocktail Parties ~ when you host your next get-together, ask your invited guests to make a donation to Golden Rescue instead of bringing a hostess gift or wine.
- Block Party, Boat Cruise, Fashion Show ~ these are ideas...how about a garden tour, themed parties (i.e. murder mystery) or Golden Dinner Dance at your community centre or club. Whatever strikes your fancy, do it for Golden!

And don't forget that we're here to help. The Golden Rescue team can provide materials like brochures and logos. And if you need people to help on the day of the event, we can try to find volunteers. Please email [events@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:events@goldenrescue.ca) if there's something we can do to help. Thank you!!!



# NEW Thinking About Sterilization Timing

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, recently completed a 10-year study that evaluated when best to sterilize (spay/neuter) dogs to best avoid incidences of joint disease and certain types of cancers across 35 different breeds. (See the study [here](#).)

The joint disorders examined include hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tears, and elbow dysplasia. Cancers examined include lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma or cancer of the blood vessel walls, mast cell tumors, and osteosarcoma or bone cancer.

The results of the study were quite interesting and the overall finding was that in the case of most breeds, the age of sterilization has no effect on the risk of developing joint disease or cancer.

Researchers did see that the risk of developing joint disease was related to size, with smaller dogs seeing fewer issues and larger dogs being more affected. The interesting exceptions to this were two giant breeds (Great Danes and Irish Wolfhounds) that showed no increase in joint disease regardless of when they were sterilized.

It was also noted that the occurrence of cancer in small breed dogs was quite low regardless of when or if they were sterilized. Again, there were two exceptions as both the Shih Tzu and Boston Terrier showed a significant increase in cancer occurrence after sterilization.

The long and the short of it is, there is no one perfect age to recommend when a dog should be sterilized. I would highly suggest you have this discussion with your veterinarian and consider your

decision based on the dog's breed, size, gender, and other risk factors.

Hopefully, studies like this will open the door to more research in this field.

**By Dr. Scott Bainbridge**

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DR. SCOTT BAINBRIDGE

## MEET & GREET

### Summit #4286

Summit joined us at the perfect time in the most 'meant-to-be' kind of way. She is a perfect girl ~ gentle, happy, smart, and very sweet to her 14-year-old sister, Sundae. She loves and is loved by everyone she meets (vet included) and has made so many new friends in her new home in Vancouver, B.C. She loves swimming, fetching, hiking, exploring, and zooming (witnessed by the video [here](#)). She is a great jogging partner too! Her happy place is running free on forest trails...but the snowy mountains are her absolute favourite! Well, Summit, you've come to the right place. We are looking forward to sharing so many more amazing adventures with you!

**Anastassia, Chris & Sundae**



# From My End of the Leash: Byte One Annabelle #3257

Nice being here and making your acquaintance via Golden Rescue's newsletter, The Guardian. My name is Annabelle. I did not arrive with that particular nomenclature but am told that's not unusual when you enter Canada on a huge mechanical affair that roars, snores, groans, sways, and occasionally bounces up and down. I remember the crate ~ no wonder, given the lengthy time encased in the unforgiving thing. A crate was not unknown ~ I'd seen many and often was made captive in one.

T'was a ride to somewhere, for I recognized travel and movement. I heard other dogs complain and cry and talk to each other. Mostly we slept and dreamt of other lands than the one we were used to. It was all hope and prayer and wishing that life would take a turn. We had no idea what lay ahead. More of the same? Oh no! There must be an alternative or maybe not.

And it came to pass that when the plane arrived in Canada, the ragged, smelly, and exhausted-turned-to-excited group of Golden Retrievers tumbled out of their travel crates, there were happy folks who greeted us with a display of magnanimous love. Golden Rescue had arrived and was in full swing. The scene was busy with Golden Retrievers and Golden Retrievers. It was indeed a totally amazing and unforgettable experience with hugs, pats, smiles, tears, and laughter. There was going to be a happy future after all...a second chance.

I like my name, Annabelle. It's pretty and I believe it emulates my feelings. I do not know what pretty is exactly. It sounds positive and I like the three syllables. Apparently, that's what the

sound divisions are called. As well, I like the ring of it when my mistress (interchangeable with 'my mom'). In fact, I call my servant and companion many things, which might be a tad confusing.)

So much for introduction: a beginning, I reckon.

My ideas might be a little dog-eared, being mulled about—or mauled about—for some time as I have been waiting a while to commandeer this laptop and have had to still my mind on many an occasion. Frustration can create a messy mind, and I am not unusual in that respect.

My apologies for scattered ideas; I shall attempt to sort them out through perseverance, experience, and a positive approach.

Yes, my ideas have been tossed about like an old loved Golden toy that has been reconstructed in a few incidences. That can make them rather tired, but perhaps clearer, from all the ruminations they've endured. I shall for sure try to assemble my words, feelings, impulses, ideas, and opinions...but I am not promising to have

them appear in any systematic fashion...much resembling my mom's creative efforts.

You see, I've watched her at her laptop: serene, quiet, moody, and motionless, finally culminating in a sigh of relief from self-imposed solitary confinement in front of a screen. There's possibly a show of satisfaction and accomplishment which is lovely to behold. I do like to see my mistress happy.

I do not see what she finds so interesting to stare at and why she is so centered on fingering the keyboard. There must be a lot of repetition is my guess. Will she ever get it right I ask



## From My End of the Leash...continued

myself frequently, so preoccupied and prone to fret she appears at times. I can only surmise it is hard work to spill and spew one's thoughts into an indescribable contrivance: messy and disorganized, obviously.

Sometimes there's evident self-satisfaction and self-applauding. Why not! There's no one else here but me and I'm somewhat limited in lauding my lady. I try by trotting over to her and beseeching her for attention plus a display of love. I interrupt her sitting and staring...hoping her concentration finds a different focus: me!

As I launch into writing my own stuff, seeking a career besides eating, snoozing, and taking walks, I anticipate the process being a tad intimidating. I do admit a little trepidation. And so, I commence a life of authorship. Scary!

I hope you approve of the name chosen for my articles: My End of the Leash. I concluded it was rather both appropriate and classy. For sure, appropriate. And interesting because there's much that happens being tethered to my mom. Naturally, I'll require the occasional applause, so that is your part. No, this is not a one-ended

sort of relationship, you realize. Feedback would be much appreciated, as long as it's respectful and constructive. Feed is usually a good idea, especially three times a day like I am treated to. Yes, pampered one might announce, but not too loudly, as the schedule fits me indisputably. I am a happy girl in that regard.

I shall thank you in advance for your attention, your reading, and your expressed, cheery approval, although that is better expressed

later on. The cart before the horse was never a restful proposition, even in a hurry to elicit accolades and achieve stardom.

Actually and realistically, I just gotta love what I do. We might therefore call this wee endeavour at commenting on a dog's world a voyage into no-dog's territory.

I would not mind divulging a scattered sketch of myself although I'm not programmed to put myself out there in any way, being demure, mild, and somewhat shy. I do enjoy meeting the odd person, well not odd in that way, but the occasional person, particularly if a female. I have had very bad experiences with males I hesitate to say: but the truth will get out. So, there it is.

If I truly like someone, I'd like to know them better. 'Tis fair they get the benefit of any doubt. Otherwise, I shrink from even acknowledging them. Well, I did admit to being shy. I choose to withdraw from any opportunity to meet someone I fear, suspect, and in whom I detect some unwelcome trait. Dogs do that, you know ~ sense, detect, approve, question, suspect. 'Tis what we do well. Before I decide my actions, I adopt a calmly-waiting stance, giving myself time to assess. There is no rush, hesitation, and pondering before taking definitive action is my strategy.

Well, now that we have met, the rest should be easy. Thank you for reading Annabelle's From My End of the Leash, Byte One. 'Til next time, happy spring and be safe.

Annabelle #3257 🐾

### GOLDEN MOMENTS<sup>©</sup>



"We laugh, but how else would we know what holiday it is!"

# Turning That 'No' into a 'Yes'

Golden Retrievers are beautiful, loyal, and loving animals and also masters at manipulating their humans for love, attention, and food. One look from those adoring eyes is usually enough to fold even the strongest of dispositions. In their mind, if the adoring look doesn't work then maybe if I put my head in your lap, lean into you or put my paw on you until you notice, then you'll give me what I want. When our dogs invade our space, our first reaction is often to reach out and touch, pet or cuddle them not realizing how theirs is actually quite demanding behaviour that can lead to dominance issues down the road. As the saying goes, you teach people how to treat you and when you allow your dog to constantly invade your space and demand attention, then you teach them that they can do this whenever they want without being invited and that your space is not respected. Instead, when this happens, and you want to give your dog some love, the easiest thing to do is to take a step away from your dog crouching down and calling them to you. Make the dog come to you and when they do, reward them generously. If you are always the one approaching the dog, swarming them with love, then the dog might totally snub you when you're trying to get them to come to you. You want your dog to be eager to come to you for love but if they get too much they won't. This will also make using the 'come' command a lot easier. Remember that even for dogs, too much can be annoying. Whether saying no to your cute cuddle bug or to your own impulses, this is one of the hardest things you'll ever have to do but is essential to your relationship long-term. Like children, indulging them all the time does not make them well behaved and will instead lead to

them becoming spoiled, demanding, and selfish. This is why it's important to be able to say 'no' to your dog and here are some tips you can use to turn that 'no' into a 'yes'.

It's totally acceptable to say 'no' to your dog but it's important that you don't leave it at that. You're not truly finished until you've hit the 'yes' and shown your dog what they can do. The first thing you should do when you want your dog to know that you mean business is to stand up. You cannot properly train your dog from a seated position. And yelling across the room will only teach your dog that you're not serious about what you are saying. Your body language is so important when working with your dog and is crucial to the way our dogs understand us. For best results, try and replicate, with your own behaviour, how a dog shows another dog when they mean business. If you stand up straight and tall holding your whole body stiff while looking down at the dog through the corner of your eye, then they will know you are serious and not fooling around and they must respect your space. It's important that you do NOT loom over the dog staring them directly in the eyes because then the dog may perceive this as a challenge and react negatively.

Now that you have shown the dog what they can't do, it's time to show them what they can. To get to the 'yes' first, we must know the dog's currency. Do they prefer to have something in their mouth like a cherished toy (this is often a favourite for Golden Retrievers)? Or is it a chest pat, ear scratch or bum rub they prefer? Each dog has different rewards that they like more than others and you want to use the one your dog loves the most.



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

Once you determine what your dog really likes, it's now time to use it; however, the timing is crucial. Most people say 'no' to their dog for a quick second and if they don't get a good response, then move on and try something else or worse, give up. When you're holding the no stance (standing tall with head turned away looking at the dog through the corner of your eye) you need to hold it for a little longer. It's like playing a game of chicken with your dog and whoever is the last to give up is the winner. You need to hold that stance until your dog shows you a submissive sign by either sitting and/or laying



down or you see their ears turning down and falling back or a combination of these.

While you're holding your stance and as soon as the dog shows you those submissive signals, crouch down and praise them. Now is your chance to give the dog a toy or the best belly rubs they've ever had. Even when praising your dog though, it is recommended that you don't pet them too rough. Rough, fast contact and scrunching the fingers in their coat can replicate biting and you don't want your dog to think you're biting them. This will only encourage rough play and dominant behaviour.

One of the things I always say is that dogs love to have a job to do and they really love to please us, so rewarding for good behaviour (the 'yes') is very important. This is especially true when it immediately follows you telling them 'no' for their undesirable behaviour. It will teach your dog to be mannerly and listen and to do what they're told and that when they do, they will be rewarded handsomely.

As dog owners, we are all human and loving our dogs and wanting to fulfill all of their needs is normal and understandable. Knowing how cute and cuddly your dog is makes it very difficult to say 'no' but ultimately having a strong 'no' allows you to get to the 'yes' faster and establishes boundaries for you and your dog to thrive and helps ensure a long healthy relationship between you and your pup.

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## Murphy's Journey

**Murphy #4202** ~ Rosetta, who lives in Edmonton, AB, inquired about a sweet Golden named Murphy who was coming from Cairo. He had a 'wonky' leg and we were upfront by telling her that it was a possibility that his leg may have to be amputated; however, we needed a vet consultation first. Murphy arrived in Toronto. We had a volunteer get him vet-checked and then to a host family until his family could arrive and fly back to Edmonton with him. It took a 'village' but as we all know,

where there's a will, there's a way and Murphy arrived in Edmonton safe and sound. Murphy is now thriving...and didn't have to lose his leg. Murphy is getting all the rehab he needs and is using his leg, which is far less 'wonky' now! His is another one of those rescue stories that had he not come to Canada to a loving family and good veterinary care, would have suffered had he stayed in Cairo. Don't we all love happy endings? Murphy is living his best life and we're all so happy for him.



MURPHY #4204 WITH MUGGS

# WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME & IDEAS & NOW THE SITUATION IS DIRE!



**Olaf #3835:** My name is Olaf, pronounced by my amazing foster dad/teacher as 'oh laugh' as I am such a happy boy ~ always, always happy to see you. My foster dad has been teaching me how to behave and I'm doing pretty well. I am not well socialized with other dogs so I need to be an only pet and a backyard boy. I'm very sweet and cuddly with people. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see my in-depth bio.

**GOLDEN RESCUE NEVER GIVES UP BUT DESPITE OUR MONUMENTAL EFFORTS TO RE-HOME THESE THREE BEAUTIES, WE HAVE FAILED. FOR OVER A YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR ADOPTERS WITH NO SUCCESS.**

They are good dogs. Yes, one has a heart murmur and two don't like other dogs but other than that, they are wonderful. We simply don't know what to do from here; however, we know we cannot keep them much longer. Can you open your heart and home to one of them...they really do deserve to live a wonderful life?



**Shirley #3484:** I'm five and Golden Rescue was told that I'm a Black Golden but in reality, I'm a German Shepherd with a little bit of Border Collie and Rhodesian Ridgeback. Don't ask how this happened ~ even if you do, we have no answers! I love women and I bond extremely close to one person...but I find it hard to trust some men. I need a quiet home with no other pets. I really am sweet and affectionate and I'm great company. On my walks, I am calm and relaxed and when I get home, I love to lie somewhere where it's cool and then I roll over for belly rubs. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see my in-depth bio.



**Ebony #3825:** My name is Ebony and I'm a 3-year-old Black Golden (as if you couldn't tell that from the pictures). My amazing foster dad and teacher describes me as a handsome, highly-intelligent boy with tons of energy. I think that's a pretty good report card from a teacher who knows these things. The doc says I'm healthy except I have a grade one heart murmur. It's the mildest murmur and there is no necessary treatment so the doc isn't worried about it. I love people and I tend to bond to one person, preferably with a dominant male. I am not good with other dogs and will bark, growl, and lunge at them, so no small children or cats either. My favourite thing is belly rubs. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see my in-depth bio.

**If you might be interested in adopting, please email [adoption@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:adoption@goldenrescue.ca).**

**IF YOU'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO ADOPT, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD FAR AND WIDE SO WE CAN FIND THEM FAMILIES SOON.**



## MEET AND GREET

### Coach #3843

January 3, 2022 was the greatest day of my life. It was the moment I met my soulmate, Coach. From the moment I heard his description, I instantly knew that he was my



boy. This love only grew when I finally got to see him walk down the ramp at the airport. Coach also knew he had found his forever family as the first thing he did when he got home was jump right up on my coffee table! He settled in so quickly, making tons of friends with both humans and dogs. Coach is my dream dog and I've waited my whole life for him. He is sweet, snuggly, loyal, and goofy. He always wears the biggest grin you've ever seen. He is an extrovert ~ wanting to greet every human he sees with a smile and a lean. We're working on him becoming a therapy dog as he has such a special gift. He is my sweet boy, my shadow, and my best friend. We go on many adventures together to the beach, hikes with friends or playtime at the park. Not a day goes by that I don't tell him how loved he is. I'll be forever grateful to Golden Rescue for bringing Coach into my life.

**Chantal**



### Willow #4272

## MEET & GREET

Last fall, after losing our family dog, we decided to look at getting another rescue. Many people in our neighbourhood have adopted from Golden Rescue so we decided to put in a request to adopt before the ban came into place. It all took place very quickly and we were a bit apprehensive until the volunteer driver pulled up in our driveway and out jumped Chestnut, now called Willow. She was so excited she ran like crazy around the front yard as if she was finally free. We had a senior cat and, while we were told she was cat savvy, we were a bit worried about this. It didn't take long before they were the best of friends. Willow has adapted so nicely to our home and everyone in the neighbourhood loves her. She thinks the Canadian winters are the best thing ever and she loves doing zoomies in the snow. She is at her happiest sitting at the front door or window of our home watching the world go by. I couldn't imagine life without her as she is just the sweetest girl you could ever meet. I think if she could talk, she would say she won the doggie lottery.

**Heather**

# THE TRAINING CORNER



## EVERY DOG HAS A BUCKET

And we have one too! No, it's not a bucket full of toys. It's a STRESS bucket. Now you may think, why on earth would my dog be stressed? They have a nice comfy place to sleep, two square meals a day, not to mention cookies, treats, yummy things to eat, toys, and walks.

Well, it might surprise you to learn what things can, in fact, stress them out.

Let's talk about the bucket first. The bucket may be very large or it may be very small and it has nothing to do with the size of your dog. Every bucket has a hole in the bottom of it. This is where stress empties out. Once again, the hole may be very large or it may be very small and it has no relation to the size of the bucket. A very large dog might have a very small bucket with either a very small hole or a large hole. A very small dog could have a very large bucket which has a large or small hole. The size of the bucket depends on how much your dog can handle ~ in other words, how much stress are they able to cope with. The size of the hole depends on how quickly they can decompress. If they are able to bring their arousal level down quickly, then they probably have a large hole in the bottom of their bucket. On the other hand, if they remain on high alert or their arousal level quickly increases, they most likely have a small hole in the bottom of their bucket.

Let me explain what I mean by arousal level in our dogs. Arousal refers to when a dog is scared, excited or frustrated. Anything that causes your dog to become scared, excited or frustrated can pay into the bucket. Also, every negative and positive experience can pay into the bucket. Unfortunately, when the bucket is full, anything else that pays into the bucket causes it to overflow, which results in reactivity. Another thing that pays into the bucket is if your dog has health issues. Things like pain, itchiness or stomach issues contribute to filling the bucket. Think about when you're not feeling well. My husband knows to stay away from me when I'm not feeling well because I get really grumpy as I don't have time to be sick. How about when you have an upset stomach or suffer from allergies. What's your mood like then? It's no different for your dog. When your dog is over aroused or stressed, it may manifest as lunging, barking, biting, mouthing, destruction, pacing, whining, nagging, humping, zoomies, not listening, and more.

Now it may surprise you what types of things can pay into the bucket. Spending time outside in your back yard could pay into your dog's bucket if they're the type vigilant about checking for stuff happening. Deliveries or people knocking at your door or ringing the doorbell can pay into the bucket. For some dogs, people or other dogs passing by the front window can add to the bucket.

Predictable cues pay into the bucket. This might be something as simple as picking up your dog's leash. Do they get really excited about that? If they do, it adds to the bucket. Maybe it's taking out their food bowl, picking up your house keys or putting on your jacket. Perhaps they don't get excited about those but instead look a little sad because you're leaving them. Going on walks can pay into the bucket, especially if you go on the same route every day. Why, you might ask? Because there are lots of predictors when they go on the same route approximately the same time everyday. This could be people they meet, dogs they see or squirrels out searching for food. A change in routine can also add to the bucket. We used to say "Get your dog on a routine". We don't tell students that anymore because we've learned over the years that having your dog on a routine is, in fact, not good for them. This is because when the routine changes, it often stresses them out. Think about when things change for you or don't go as planned. Do you get frustrated, upset, stressed? For some dogs, going to the veterinarian or groomer can stress them out. We don't have that problem with our own Golden Retrievers. They love going to both places; however, remember I said that both positive and negative experiences pay into the bucket? Because our dogs love going there so much, it raises their arousal level and quickly fills their bucket. I'll touch on two more but there are in fact many more. If you have a noisy or busy home, that can

also pay into the bucket. For instance, if you have young children, they can often be noisy and busy running around. If you have teenagers who play loud music or video games, that can also pay into the bucket. The last one I'll touch on is if you have a multi-dog household ~ one dog might set the other one off adding to that dog's bucket. What sometimes happens in our house is, Star will bark at something outside, which sets off Tula who then chimes in with even more barking.

The unfortunate part about all this is once your dog's bucket overflows, it can take up to 72 hours for it to empty.

So, how can we help them empty the bucket and keep it from overflowing? One of the things we can do is help our dog learn to be calmer. This then lowers their stress or arousal level. Unfortunately, dogs don't know how to calm themselves.

One of the first things to realize is that adult dogs need a minimum of 15 hours of sleep a day. If they get 8 hours at night, they still need another 7 hours during the day. It doesn't need to be all at once. It can be broken up but rest is essential. Think about a child who doesn't get their required naps. What happens to them? They become wild animals ~ no disrespect intended. I raised 3 children and have 5 grandchildren. This might mean your dog rests in a crate, their bed or someplace where they won't be disturbed. If you have young children, they need to understand that they must not bother the dog when they're sleeping. Another thing is to provide your dog with puzzle feeders. These are toys where they have to figure out how to get the food. This is very calming and tiring for dogs. Snuffle mats and Licky Pads are also good for this. Just be sure to supervise them to make sure they don't decide to eat the mat or pad in the hopes of finding more food. A frozen Kong filled with their food or

something they enjoy or long-lasting chews are also good options. Again, be sure to supervise chews and make sure they don't try to swallow it whole as they get near the end.

Calmness is KING. A calm dog is less stressed, can think and respond, and is better behaved.

If you would like more information on this, I would be happy to send you an e-booklet on calmness. Simply email me at [info@whoswalkingwho.ca](mailto:info@whoswalkingwho.ca).

### By Lynda Kitson

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LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

## MEET & GREET

### Ivy #3853

Ivy is an Egyptian princess. She arrived in Toronto in desperate need of grooming and it was obvious that this lovely girl had had many pups in her past. Nowadays, she acts like a puppy herself, soooooo happy to be cared for and loved in her new home. Her coat is now glistening and has grown in thickly and beautifully, so she doesn't mind our Canadian winters at all. We brush her all the time as there is nothing she loves more. She is sweet, intelligent, loving, and so grateful to everyone at GR who helped her on this amazing journey. We cannot begin to tell you how much we cherish her.

Sharon



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## MEET & GREET

### Penny #3917

This sweet Istanbul girl loves her new name Penny but also loves her nickname 'The Penster'. She doesn't know what they mean but she doesn't care because every time she hears her name it is said with love, something that was very unfamiliar to this Turkish delight. Her favourite activity is staring out the patio door onto her new, safe world. Of course, she also loves lying on the kitchen floor just in case something falls that she needs to clean up. She is happiest when touched and cuddled but also when running on the off-leash trail chasing critters. The Penster never complains, rarely barks, and is the sweetest girl, who shows her love and gratitude every single day. And we are completely and head-over-heels in love with her.

**Christina & Brett**



# Love in Four Parts: Calvin #4155

## THIS IS A STORY OF HOW LOVE AND PATIENCE CAN OVERCOME.

In the adoption process, so many people are involved from the time the intake team hears about a Golden in need to the time when the forever family takes them into their home. In Calvin's case, these are stories from several perspectives ~ the foster, the adopter, the adopter's dog Deacon, and Calvin himself.

### Part 1: The Fosters

Calvin had been with us for seven weeks. He was a COVID puppy ~ one of many who present with socialization challenges. Although he had made progress during his time with us, his energy could put off even the most balanced dog. We weren't sure we'd be saying goodbye to Calvin the day his prospective family came to meet him. A neighbour's Golden gal romped happily with him, correcting him if he got too pushy, but when he found himself locked in a duel with a strong and bossy Corgi without a clue what he'd done to trigger it, he responded like a toddler with a water gun and never gave in. So, we weren't sure how Calvin would react to a new dog. Calvin's potential brother, Deacon, had had a long drive to meet him. He had just lost his canine sister and he wasn't in the mood for a crazy puppy with questionable manners. A walk down the street together was not the answer to helping them get to know each other. Deacon's humans and I had gone only a few uncomfortable blocks with the two boys loudly spitting and swearing at each other before we returned to a shady area

in the backyard to let them decompress. Each of Deacon's humans took a leash and I left them to work their magic. It had been a very rocky start and lots of people would have given up but I could see from our kitchen window that progress was being made. Thirty, then sixty, then ninety minutes had passed when I saw that both leashes were being held by one person and the dogs were no longer reacting to each other. They were lying in a relaxed state on the grass on either side of them, no evidence of the initial fear aggression that can look unresolvable. Soon after that, I watched both dogs drink out of the water bowl together at the same time without incident and I marveled at the transformation. It had been just over two hours since Deacon's humans had arrived when they decided the dogs were calm and confident enough to move to the front yard where the vehicle was parked. The car door was open, the back seat was empty, and Calvin was free to explore whenever he was ready. Several minutes passed and I saw movement. Calvin had jumped in. When he jumped out, he was adorned with his new bandana and his new name! It was a deal! He was going home. While we finalized the paperwork and celebrated the fact that just hours earlier, we couldn't bring them within yards of each other, Calvin had a chance to do some sniffs on leash in the front yard alongside his new pal. Only three hours had passed when they drove off with both boys lying beside each other in the back seat and I tearfully waved goodbye. I kissed Calvin goodbye that morning just in case it was my last chance...and it was. Once I handed him over to his new family who then patiently worked with him for three hours, an interaction with me



would have been for me, not for him. I asked them to give him a kiss for me and they have... thousands of times. A Golden has never been so lucky as to find humans who speak Golden, not English, when working with their pups. **Liz** 🐾

## Part 2: The Adopters ~ Calvin's New Family

We've been Golden parents for many years. Loving them so completely brings deep joy to our lives. They are our whole world and there's almost nothing we don't do together. But as you know, sometimes things don't go as planned. We lost our beloved Golden girl in the summer of 2022, leaving us and our 5-year-old male Golden shattered and grieving. We saw how deeply affected he was and our family didn't feel the same. When Golden Rescue contacted us a short time after our loss, we were unsure what to do. There was a little boy, just over a year old, who was only a few hours away who needed a forever family. We were thoroughly briefed about him and saw his pictures and determined he was adorable and maybe we should go meet him. Oh, how we would love to say it was love at first sight but it wasn't. Calvin didn't like our 5-year-old dog and our 5-year-old wasn't fond of him either. They had a very rocky start. But there was something about little Calvin that spoke to our hearts and told us to take him home. From the first day, Calvin showed us how absolutely cuddly he was. All he wanted was to be held and snuggled. He would follow us around the house at all hours of the day and night just like our little girl used to do. When we would play video games, Calvin would curl up beside us on the sofa with his head on someone's leg. His warmth and genuine desire to bond with us was so incredibly endearing. But the two boys still didn't get along! They struggled to establish themselves. We observed, worked with them both, and little by little, they came together. Calvin loved his big brother and genuinely wanted to play with him and be his friend but Deacon needed time to get past his grief and start to accept the little guy. Their love story happened one day when they curled up together on the couch to sleep and we saw that they played in

the yard without fighting and would look for each other if one happened to be elsewhere. Their bond began to form and one day we realized that they truly were the best of friends. Deacon is no longer grieving, his eyes are bright again, and he's back to his old self...all because of love. Calvin's sweet personality has brought us much love and we are so happy we took a chance on him. He is a challenging little boy, but he is so smart and willing to learn. He can be silly and makes us laugh with his antics but he also looks up at us with so much love and adoration it melts our hearts. Even rough starts can be worth it. We're so grateful to Golden Rescue for helping Calvin find us. **Kia & Jon** 🐾



## Part 3: Calvin's brother, Deacon

Hi, my name is Deacon! I'm a 5-year-old Golden and I want to tell you about my little brother Calvin. But first, I need to tell you about my

family. I live with my mom Kia and my dad Jon in Nova Scotia. When I was eight weeks old and met mom and dad, I also met my sister Freya who was a whole week older than me! She was my very first friend and we grew up together. Oh, how I loved her! But something happened. Freya stopped playing with me. She wouldn't eat her food or her treats. And then one day, I didn't see her anymore. I didn't understand. My mom and my dad cried a lot. I did my best to comfort them but nothing seemed to work. I became very quiet and very sad because I was lonely. Where was my sister? I didn't feel very good inside my heart. One day mom and dad put on my harness and I jumped into the car. Car rides meant we were going somewhere fun. We drove for a long time. I saw lots of interesting things out the window. Finally, we came to a pretty little house and the people there had a very active and lively puppy. He was a Golden, like me. But he wasn't my sister! This made me angry. I barked and growled. My mom and dad said to me that this was going to be my new little brother and that we were going to be the best of friends one day. I didn't believe them. I didn't like it at all. I sulked all the way home. My new brother Calvin made me so mad. He touched my toys. He slept on the couch and on the bed with mom and dad. He even got my treats! I wouldn't play with him. I wouldn't look at him and I growled at him an awful lot. But...mom and dad were smiling again. They started to laugh and play with me and Calvin. One afternoon I woke up feeling a soft warm body beside mine. Was it mom? I lifted my head. No, it was my little brother. He looked at me and I looked at him and then we put our heads down and went to sleep. Mom and dad sure are smart. They said that my little brother Calvin and I would be the best of friends one day and they were right. We wrestle and play together, chew on

sticks, chase each other, and sometimes we curl up and sleep. We know mom and dad love both of us and I'm not lonely anymore. I love my little brother Calvin and I'm glad he came to live with us! We really are the best of friends! **Deacon** 🐾

### Part 4: Calvin

My name is Calvin. I want to tell you what happened to me a few months ago. I was happily living with my amazing foster family when two humans came to meet me and they brought their dog. He was a big red dog named Deacon. I was so excited, I wanted to play. But Deacon didn't. He looked at me and his eyes were hard and sad and he wrinkled his lips and barked. I didn't understand. Didn't he want to be friends? I barked back. The humans were very nice. They petted me and took me for a walk even though I didn't know what was expected of me. I was excited and nervous but I did my best. The lady human was patient and quiet with me. She called me 'puppy' and stroked my ears. Suddenly these humans and Deacon were getting in the car. I knew what a car was. I wasn't sure if I liked them. They called me and coaxed me in. I loved being with my foster mom. She taught me many things, like not being scared and how to trust humans. My foster mother looked very sad and I didn't understand why. Was it because I was getting into the car with the two new humans? The ride in the car was long. The humans gave me and Deacon treats. I liked that. But Deacon did not like me. He wrinkled his muzzle every time I looked at him or tried to smell him. The lady human would tell Deacon to be nice because we were brothers. I didn't know what that meant! We arrived at a house and the lady human led me inside. I began to sniff everything with interest. There were so many new smells, toys, food, and a bowl of water which I immediately started drinking from. I looked at

Deacon and tried to invite him to play. He lifted his lips and barked at me and ran away. I heard the man human say "give them time, they'll come around." "Yes, relationships take time to develop," said the lady. My first night I slept in my very own house. It looked like the one that my foster mother taught me to sleep in. I felt safe and comfortable. My new family started teaching me things. They took me and Deacon for walks. They gave us treats, fed us great food, and bought me lots of toys. They kept telling me that I was a good boy and they loved me. But things were really rough with my brother. He just did not want to play with me. He didn't like me looking at him, smelling him or laying down beside him. He would give me a very bad look and walk away if I tried. But I really liked the humans and I liked my new home. I got to play in the backyard. Deacon and I would fight. He would try to take my stick away and I didn't want him to. I would bark and make faces. We never bit each other but we sure made a lot of noise and put on a big show. My human mother would tell us to play nice with each other and to remember we are brothers and we were a family that loves. Then one night I didn't have to sleep in my house. I got to sleep wherever I wanted and I crawled on the bed with all three of them. I thought he would make a face and walk away but he didn't. He stayed there and went to sleep. I slowly got closer until our warm bodies were touching. It was a very good night. Suddenly things were very different. Deacon stopped barking at and fighting with me. He let me sleep beside him and play with toys. When we went outside, he would run around with me. I would chase him and I think he liked that a lot. We would sniff things and explore the backyard together. I think I understand what it means to be brothers now. A brother is somebody who lives with you, plays with you, and shares his toys with

you. A brother is someone you can trust and love. I'm glad my foster mother taught me what trust meant. It's a wonderful feeling! Now, if you will excuse me, I think my new mom is calling us to go outside and play. I will never say no to that! Come on Deacon, let's go wrestle in the snow!  
**Calvin** 🐾



### The Happy Ending

Calvin's story is the perfect example of the 3/3/3 Rule and the reason we need to give our new adopted Goldens time to adjust. It took Calvin's wonderful foster family time to figure out Calvin's needs. It took time for Calvin's family to really get him comfortable in his new home. It took time for Calvin's brother Deacon to grieve over his lost sister and accept Calvin. And it took time for Calvin himself to understand what his new life was all about. In the adoption process, we all need to remember the 3/3/3 Rule. If you haven't seen it, here it is...



# THE 3/3/3 RULE

## IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

The 3/3/3 Rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of your new Golden. After adopting, every Golden is unique and will adjust differently.

It is a troubling fact that thousands of dogs are abandoned, surrendered, unwanted, and neglected each year for no other reason than some kind of inconvenience. Golden Rescue alone has found forever families for thousands of Golden Retrievers and the need continues to grow. Volunteers work tirelessly to take in, assess, foster, heal, and re-home approximately 400 Golden Retrievers each and every year.



### 3 DAYS TO DECOMPRESS

- May feel overwhelmed/scared/unsure
- Not comfortable enough to show their true personality
- May pant and pace & not eat or drink
- Shuts down or hides under furniture
- May have bathroom accidents
- May not know your language/commands
- If coming from overseas, may be extremely tired & out-of-synch (long flight & time change)
- Will come to you when comfortable (let them chill & don't push it)



### 3 WEEKS TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE

- Starts settling in
- Feels more comfortable
- Realizes they may be with their forever family
- Figures out the environment
- Gets into a routine
- Lets their guard down to show their true personality
- Behaviour issues may start to appear & they may start to test boundaries



### 3 MONTHS TO START TO FEEL AT HOME

- Finally feels comfortable with their family
- Begins to build trust and a true bond
- Gains a complete sense of security
- Settles into a routine
- Shows love and gratitude

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# CFIA BAN UPDATE

## WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME UPDATES REGARDING THE CFIA BAN.

Firstly, the parliamentary petition calling to amend the heartless CFIA ban on most international dog rescue was presented to Parliament with 20,630 verified signatures. Thank you for signing the petition!

We have also formed a group called the International Rescue Coalition of Canada with other rescue organizations across Canada, with the objective of collaborating with the CFIA to identify and implement protocols to enable us to resume rescue from countries in dire need of our help.

Additionally, thanks to your support, we launched a successful campaign to request face-to-face meetings with Members of Parliament, to share our perspective and maintain awareness of this critical issue. Through this campaign, we have received invaluable support, advice, and even a glimmer of hope!

Although the path ahead is evolving and uncertain, we remain steadfast in our mission, and will never give up!

We will continue to adjust our approach until we successfully collaborate with the CFIA to amend the ban, allowing international rescue to continue while keeping Canadians and their pets safe from rabies.

We encourage you to keep an eye out for our upcoming eblasts regarding the CFIA ban and our

requests for help. Additionally, if you have any suggestions or advice on the way forward, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [communications@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:communications@goldenrescue.ca).

We are incredibly grateful for your support thus far. The response we received to our recent MP campaign call for help has been truly extraordinary, with hundreds of you stepping up and offering your assistance. With such a strong and passionate community of supporters, we are confident that we will overcome this challenge together!

**We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the MPs who have offered their guidance, advice, and unwavering support throughout this journey including:**

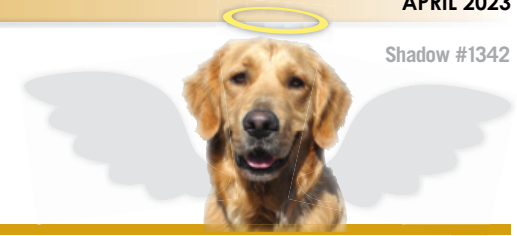
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MIKE LANGLEY, ROSIE #2433 & MP KAREN VECCHIO

# GOLDEN ANGELS

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



Shadow #1342



BRUCE WITH MOLLY #4424 &amp; FRIEND

## Bruce Horton

Bruce has been a life-long animal lover. He first came in contact with Golden Rescue after his beloved Golden, Dana, crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Bruce and his wife weren't ready to adopt another but started to foster with us, which helped fill the hole that Dana left. Since then, they have been wonderful GR supporters, fostering, transporting, and greeting international flights ~ passenger and cargo. Bruce says his favourite moments are when a cargo plane comes in with 40 new Canadian Golden Retrievers. He describes it as an "amazing spiritual experience". Currently, they are fostering Molly #4424, a sad girl who arrived emaciated and terrified, but has come around and is now happy and loved. They nursed her back to health and safety and she's just about ready to meet her forever family. Well done Bruce...you're simply the best!



DEB'S LILY #4422 &amp; ANDY #3164

## Deb Symington

Deb and her husband have been fostering for GR for over eight years. They have been spectacular foster failures twice, adopting Andy and Sally. These Golden goofballs could not have found more perfect families. Deb volunteers in many capacities besides fostering ~ she helps out at events, is at the ready whenever a Golden needs to be transported, helps with the GR store, makes and purchases items to donate to GR auctions, and is advocating for international rescue to continue. She loves volunteering with a passionate group of like-minded people who want to save as many Golden Retrievers as possible. Deb and her husband are retired and they intend to fill their years volunteering for Golden Rescue wherever needed. We could not be more pleased and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



SUE WITH PARKER #3826

## Sue Valencia

Sue and her family have adopted three Golden Retrievers over the years and have given Scout #1575 and Oliver #1576, a bonded pair, and Parker #3826 from Cairo a wonderful loving family. When Sue's youngest daughter went to university, she had more time to give to Golden Rescue...lucky for us! Sue claims that "volunteering with GR allows me to give back to an organization that has given me and my family so much and it is truly gratifying to know that I am making a difference in the lives of Golden Retrievers and the people who adopt them." Working on the intake team, processing adoption applications, finding foster families, and answering the hundreds of questions from potential adopters all keep Sue very busy. She never complains because she loves it. And of course, we adore Sue. Thank you so much Sue for all you do and for your never-ending enthusiasm.

# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

**Ace #4257**

Adopted by Diane & Randy

**Alora #4357**

Adopted by Meaghan

**Arlo #4220**

Adopted by Lyndsay

**Arya #4331**

Adopted by Eleanor

**Bailey #4388**

Adopted by Carolyn & Bill

**Bomba #4310**

2-year-old female  
Adopted by Liz & Dave

**Bonnie #4386**

Adopted by Alison

**Bono #4294**

1-year-old male  
Adopted by Donna

**Bridget #4391**

Adopted by Vanessa & Christopher

**Bruce #4360**

Adopted by Gretchen & Craig

**Cedar #4337**

Adopted by Heather

**Cooper #4405**

Adopted by Nicole

**Copper #4402**

Adopted by Pam & Bill

**Daisy #4180**

Adopted by Deb

**Donald #4071**

Adopted by Emma & Tim

**Earl #4111**

Adopted by Aimee

**Ella #4120**

Adopted by Cheralyn

**Ella #4244**

Adopted by Patricia

**Felix #4420**

Adopted by Marie & Art

**Ginny #4400**

Adopted by Lorna & Gary

**Hank #4336**

Adopted by Kate & Will

**Heidi #4177**

Adopted by Mark

**Holly #4326**

Adopted by Elizabeth & Andrew

**Hudson #4413**

Adopted by Tyler

**Hunter #4233**

Adopted by Dee & Lynn

**Iris #4210**

Adopted by Sandra & Graham

**Joey #3896**

Adopted by Caitlin & Tag

**Joy #4327**

Adopted by Leigh & Glenn



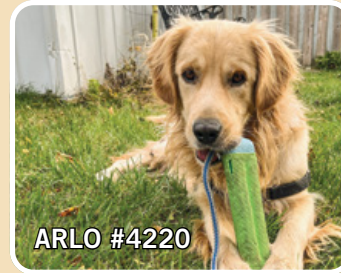
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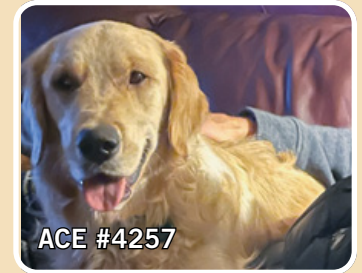
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ARLO #4220



ACE #4257



MAGGIE #4268



TOMMY #4305 &  
MILLY #4306



BOMBA #4310



HOLLY #4326



WILLOW #4332



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

**Kala #4364**

Adopted by Lois & John

**Kelly #4421**

Adopted by Trish & Bea

**Kevin #4411**

Adopted by Stacey

**Kylo #4412**

Adopted by Sue & Gary

**Layla #4300**

Adopted by Liz

**Letti #4234**

Adopted by Angela & Mark

**Lexi #4329**

Adopted by Monica

**Logan #4409**

Adopted by Tatiana & Gabriel

**Loki #4345**

Adopted by Cathy & Glenn

**Lola #4383**

Adopted by Lee & David

**Ludo #4375**

Adopted by Natasha & Tristan

**Maggie #4399**

Adopted by Colleen & Gordon

**Maggie #4268**

Adopted by Kim

**Magnolia #4264**

Adopted by Anne & Derek

**Maizy #4178**

Adopted by Jeana & Ron

**Max #4387**

Adopted by Lewis

**Milka #4252 &**

**Napoli #4251**

Adopted by Cathy & Brad

**Milly #4306 &**

**Tommy #4305**

Adopted by Marg & Rob

**Mollie #4181**

Adopted by Julie & Ian

**Murphy #4162**

Adopted by Mark

**Murphy #4348**

Adopted by Elizabeth

**Nora #4367**

Adopted by Antonia & Donald

**Ollie #4401**

Adopted by Tanya & Brian

**Owen #4279**

Adopted by Anick & Thomas

**Ozzy #4303**

Adopted by Hannah & Denver

**Pepper #4381**

Adopted by Denise

**Pinky Lily #4290**

Adopted by Rock

**Riley #4419**

Adopted by Anna & William

**Rock #4393**

Adopted by Ada Marie & Bob

**Sable #4350**

Adopted by Barbara

**Sia #4330**

Adopted by Deborah & Scott

**Skye #4397**

Adopted by Sandra

**Skylar #4328**

Adopted by Tanya

**Spencer #4380**

Adopted by Tina & David

**Stuart #4236**

Adopted by Carly & Colby

**Taz #4243**

Adopted by Christine & Scott

**Teddy #4224**

Adopted by Diane & Doug

**Teddy #4395**

Adopted by Jennifer & Caleb

**Tucker #4384**

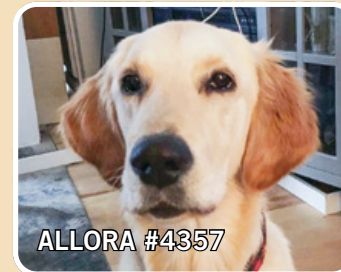
Adopted by Donna & Garnet

**Willow #4332**

Adopted by Christine & Donald

**Zed #4343**

Adopted by Lisa & Mark



*Welcome home Golden!*

# MEET & GREET

## Hutch #3817

Hutch is an amazing Cairo Golden happily enjoying his new Canadian home. Recently, we were visiting PetSmart. Firstly, Hutch was gobsmacked at having a store full of food, treats, and toys...and he didn't know where to look first. When we went to the check-out counter, there was another Golden there named Cooper. Cooper, as it turned out, was also from Egypt and arrived in Canada thanks to Golden Rescue. Now that was a very happy coincidence and chance meeting. Both of them love Canada and particularly this unbelievable doggie Disneyland superstore. We are so happy to have Hutch share our home and lives.

Linda



# GR's 50/50

**'GARDENS ARE GROWING AND GOLDENS ARE DIGGING' 50/50 Online Cash Lottery!**

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# HELP US CONTINUE MATCHMAKING



**We recently celebrated Valentine's Day by publishing a series of wonderful matchmaking events.**

In case you missed them, we thought we would give you another chance to read these love stories.

As much as our international program is stalled, our domestic intakes have skyrocketed as a backlash from Covid days. We anticipated this but had no idea so many Golden Retrievers would be entering our program. So as usual, rescue never sleeps and rescue is expensive.

Becoming a monthly donor is the absolute best way to support us financially; however, any donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Please enjoy these wonderful love stories and thank you for your support!**

## Autumn #3715

### SEALED WITH A KISS

I have felt anticipation before but nothing like while I waited for Autumn to disembark the plane at Vancouver airport after her long flight from Istanbul. When she finally arrived, she went immediately to the water bowl and then ran up to me and gave me a big slobbery wet kiss. That was it for me ~ it was love at first lick. Since then, my little dynamo and I have been inseparable. Her spirit and capacity to overcome adversity to love and trust are truly extraordinary. I have waited a long time to experience this kind of love and Golden Rescue delivered it to me 'sealed with a kiss'. Autumn feels the same way!

**Marylee** ❤️



AUTUMN #3715 & MARYLEE

## Darcy #3523

### THE LONG JOURNEY TO LOVE

The moment I met Darcy, I knew I had met my heart dog. The long journey from Cairo to Toronto must have been bewildering but it sure didn't curb her enthusiasm.

She walked down the ramp like a pro as if to say 'Nothing to it!'. The next leg of OUR journey was driving from Toronto to Quebec City and I felt a strong bond happening.

Darcy loves adventure and is an expert rider on both the seadoo and skidoo and breezes through her agility as if it was a walk in the park. Not bad for a Cairo street-dog, eh? Darcy loves to cuddle with me in the morning and at night but during the day she is much too busy for that kind of silliness. She is so smart and can learn tricks in minutes. I think that's because she doesn't like wasting time as there are so many new things to explore. A lover of kids, people, and other dogs, Darcy is a neighbourhood star. I feel so lucky to be Darcy's mom. It truly is an honour and a blessing as she has brought so much joy and happiness into my life. **Martine** ❤️



DARCY #3523 & MARTINE

## Dina #4067

### THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

I wasn't thinking about adopting another Golden until I heard about her plight. This sweetheart was so frightened and confused when we first met that it was heartbreaking; however, it didn't take long for Dina to understand that she was safe and loved. Today, she is the most amazing, delightful, fun-loving, mischievous girl imaginable. She is a total socialite at the dog park and loves her car rides. As I'm now retired, I take her everywhere and can't imagine life without her. She is truly the love of my life. **Jurgen** ❤️



DINA #4067 & JURGEN

## Gino #3620

### A MOUNTAIN OF LOVE

Our beautiful Gino lives with us half the year in Sweden and the other half on the mountains of Switzerland. How on earth could this Cairo Golden end up with us in Europe through a rescue in Canada? Good question! My husband and I used to live in Calgary and we adopted Churros from Golden Rescue. Churros was a wonderful Golden who became very ill and heartbreakingly we couldn't save him. We reached out again

to GR to fill the big hole that Churros left behind; however, we were actually living in Sweden by then. Golden Rescue found us Gino in Cairo. I flew from Sweden

to Cairo to meet Gino and bring him home. At least half of the year he happily leaps though the edelweiss in the Swiss Alps. The other half of the year, he swims in the ocean constantly searching for ducks to chase. We are so lucky we found such an active boy to share our active lives. He can understand English, Swedish, and German but he knows the language of love the best. So much so that he stood up for us when we said 'I do'. This match also taught us to 'never say never'. Even though we no longer lived in Canada, GR found us the perfect Golden by moving mountains. Now that's impressive matchmaking!

**Hanna & Joakim** ❤️



GINO #3620, JOAKIM,  
HANNA & TYSON

## Iris #4120

### THE ROAD TO LOVE

When I asked for help with Golden Rescue's matchmaking service, I decided not to be too picky, believing I could love and heal any Golden who might need me. Little did I know that I would find a Golden as perfect as Iris. The distance we both had to travel to complete this 'match made in heaven' was enormous but worth every kilometer. We both left at exactly the same time to meet each other. Iris travelled 9,604 kms by plane from Istanbul to Vancouver and I travelled 972 kms by car from Calgary to Vancouver ~ both travelling 12 hours. It was love at first sight and after a vet visit to work on some bad body sores and a very long bath/grooming session, sweet Iris has blossomed into the beauty she is today. We bonded on our long drive home and have been inseparable ever since. Perhaps distance is simply the space that exists until love finds a way to close the gap. ❤️



IRIS #4120 & SANDRA

## June #3823

### SWEET SISTERLY LOVE

I always wanted a sister and one day my fabulous mom surprised me by bringing June into my life. I couldn't believe it! She was even better than I had wished for; however, I should have trusted that with Golden Rescue's matching service at work, how could it have been otherwise? My mom is a big supporter of GR and has sponsored a number of Golden Retrievers who were able to get out of difficult situations in Cairo or Istanbul and come to the love and safety of Canada. Then mom rescued my June and actually brought her home for me. What a wonderful day that was! We do everything together ~ go for walks, fun adventures on the trails, parks, and beaches, and strolls in the city saying hello to everyone we meet. But most of all, we love going cuckoo-bananas playing in the snow. We've become the best of friends, which warms mom's heart to no end. She actually said one day, "You sisters are different flowers from the same garden." I think she's right about that. Welcome 'home' June. Mom and I love you to bits! ❤️



## Leo #3669

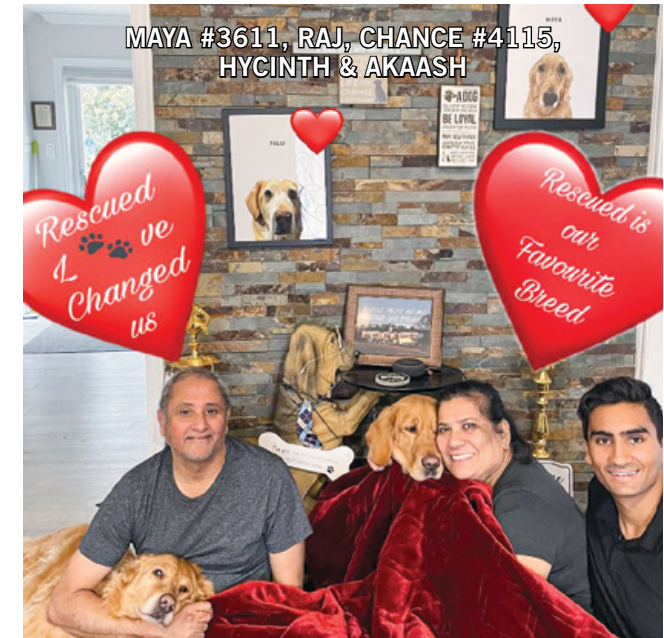
### LOVE AT FIRST C(LICK)!

When I saw Leo for the first time via email, I knew instantly that Leo was the one. For a while it was a long-distance relationship. Leo was in Cairo and I was in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador. He first had to make his way to Canada and his flight arrived in Toronto. Then plans were put into place for Leo to fly to St. John's to meet me. With great anticipation, the day finally came and Leo landed. I was crazy excited. As soon as he came out of his crate, Leo's tail started wagging and he gave me a big kiss and I couldn't wipe the smile off my face. We are inseparable now and even have the same likes and dislikes ~ neither one of us likes eating raw vegetables or getting up in the morning. We both love playing catch together or just sitting quietly by the window staring out at our world. I'm famous for leaving my socks lying around on the floor and Leo is famous for picking them up. What a team we are! We were 7,166 kms apart when Golden Rescue matched us...and now we're never more than a few feet or inches from each other. What a match...what a miracle! ❤️

## Maya #3611 & Chance #4115

### THE PERFECT MATCH X 2

Over the years, GR has found us the perfect match so it was natural for us to use their matchmaking services again and again. Maya, our Egyptian princess flew down the ramp into our loving arms and hearts. Maya can be stubborn at times and she certainly has a mind of her own but she is so sweet and affectionate and her heart is true. She is a gentle soul who adopted us and her new life immediately, particularly after she had her first meal and bath. She strutted around our home like the proud, beautiful girl she is. Down the ramp, a few years later, trotted our Egyptian prince Chance...a handsome boy who will always be a puppy at heart. Maya and Chance show us the power of unconditional love every single day. We all believe that the love of a rescue is priceless! ❤️





HUGO #4217, LANCELOT #2835, MERLIN #2286 &amp; KELLY

## Merlin #2286, Lancelot #2835 & Hugo #4217

### A CAMELOT LOVE STORY

Merlin, Lancelot, and Hugo share my life with me and fill my days with laughter and love. Merlin came first. This poor little boy, rescued from the forests of Istanbul, is a tripod. It was obvious that he would benefit from having a brother to play with, so GR went to work right away and found Sir Lancelot who was found lost and frightened on the streets of Istanbul. While Merlin spends every waking moment thinking of ways to get to the beach or the nearest puddle, Lancelot is the exact opposite as he doesn't like the water. He is also timid and shy; however, like any little brother, he follows Merlin around and the two play endless tag. Best of all, he is the biggest cuddle bug. I never need a blanket when relaxing on the sofa ~ I have my Lance. He is calm when

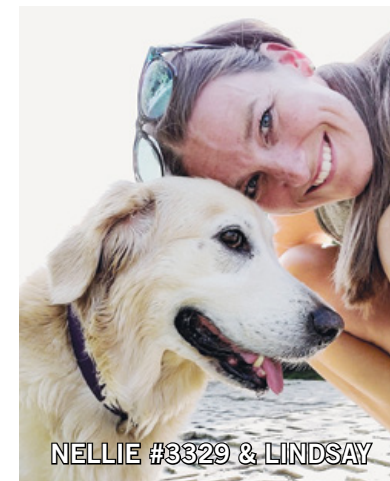
everything feels crazy. Sir Lancelot completed my perfect picture of Camelot ~ my wizard and my knight and our beach home castle. I thought I was done adopting until I heard about Hugo...a Cairo Golden in desperate need of help as he had no use of his back legs. He was a timid, sweet, paralyzed boy, who desperately needed a family and likely a wheelchair. I was starting to believe that 're-habbing' pups was my calling so I adopted Hugo. His back had been broken and all the specialists said he would never walk again but Hugo proved them all wrong. Within a few months of love, care, good food, meds, and acupuncture, this superstar started to walk slowly but surely. Now, he is keeping up with his brothers. He has totally confounded all the experts who are baffled by his progress. Now my three amigos run around my Camelot and my heart is full. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for giving me the gift of joy...over and over again. ❤️

## Nellie #3329

### OUR SOULS FOUND EACH OTHER

It's hard to explain how I felt when I arrived in Toronto but as I looked out of my crate, I saw my new mom grinning from ear to ear with a few tears mixed in for good measure. My heart skipped a beat. Don't ask me how I knew it was her...I just knew. Before her name was called, I was watching her and she was watching me and I just knew that our souls had found each other. As I became familiar with this new world, I realized that I was in a place of love and kindness. I didn't know places like this existed.

My mom thought I was a girl full of beans and I can certainly muster my energy, particularly at the dog park, but it's much easier to get cuddles on the couch than it is on the trail. I do like exploring as long as my mom is with me. At the beach, I'd rather dig a hole to lie in rather than go swimming. I know...I know...very un-Golden of me. My mom loves me just the way I am...quirks and all. That's why our match is so amazing. I think she nailed it perfectly when she said this about us first meeting, "My eyes filled with tears, my heart exploded with so much love, and knowing she was finally safe forever, I welcomed her into my arms and we were immediately bonded for life." ❤️



NELLY #3329 &amp; LINDSAY



OLIVER #3926 WITH BEN &amp; WILL

## Oliver #3926

### SWIMMING IN LOVE

The minute that Oliver landed in Vancouver, he became our heart dog. After Golden Rescue told us they thought they had the perfect match for us, the wait was excruciating. When Oliver finally came out of his crate our reaction was one of 'pure joy'. We love doing everything outdoors and our Oliver feels the same way, particularly if there is anything that involves water. This water baby, part fish, is water obsessed and it's heartwarming to watch him swimming and running with pure abandon, knowing what his life was destined for had he not been rescued. Oliver doesn't bark but he does let his needs be known by an endearing 'yawn-howl', which he uses at dinner times and for our morning wake-up call. For us, this was a match made in heaven. Oliver feels the same way right from the first night. He bounced around the house with excitement and then curled up right beside us in bed. A perfect match? We don't think so...we know so! ❤️

## Penny #3875

### DREAM, DREAM, DREAM

So, there I was, minding my own business, foraging for food on the streets of Istanbul. Most days after I found something to eat, I always took some time for myself to dream of a place where someone would love and care for me. Then, this lovely woman whisked me up and took me to her place with lots of other dogs just like me. Not long after that, I was put on this big bird where I started to dream about faraway places because I had no idea where I was going. I arrived in a place called Vancouver, and I really thought I was dreaming. Everything was beautiful...my family, the food, the scenery, and all the kind people I was meeting. I was given a bunch of toys and my own bed so I was really having quite the dream. Nothing made sense and all I wanted to do was to be inside with my new family. I was sticking to them like glue because, for me, I was in heaven. My mom said they knew immediately that I was their girl because I'm so easy-going and gentle. We all think this was a match made in heaven...and I never want this dream to end. ❤️

PENNY #375 WITH  
JOAN & BILL

## Prince #2043, Molly #3078 & Ozzie #3773

### ALL FOR ONE...ONE FOR ALL!

We are the three musketeers who found our wonderful family at three different times. When we signed up for the Golden Rescue matching service, we were each looking for a loving family that loved the great outdoors. Little did we know we would find love by the sea on the beautiful island of PEI. I was the first lucky boy. My name is Prince and I was adopted almost eight years ago. I have been hanging out in paradise ever since and became the elder statesman as my brother and sister joined me over the years. Lovely, sweet, cheeky Molly came first and I have to admit she's the smart one. Then along came big goofy Ozzie, who made the trip all the way from Ontario with our amazing dad. I might be the elder statesman but Molly is clearly in charge. I'm fine with that as I never wanted to be the leader anyway and Ozzie is too goofy to care. Our favourite days are the ones walking on the beach with our loving, caring, wonderful mom and dad, Cindy and Ian. Little did any of us know that life could be this grand. You should check out the Golden Rescue matchmaking service. It doesn't cost us Goldens a penny and boy do they know how to match! ❤️

OZZY #3773, MOLLY #3078,  
PRINCE #2043 & CINDY

## Rip #3492

### LOVE AT FIRST TAIL WAG

When I was a pup living in Cairo, I used to watch through the window of a local TV store, the American series Yellowstone (I still do BTW except now I watch it from MY very own couch). My favourite character is Rip and I used to dream of one day being his dog. Well, I don't know how Golden Rescue matched me but my new dad is a dead ringer for Rip. Somehow, magically, I was put on a plane and landed in Canada. When I got out of my crate and started to walk down the ramp, I recognized my new dad right away. He seemed to recognize me as well and describes our first meeting like this: "He walked down that ramp with a carefree swagger that only a six-month-old pup could pull off and I was hooked. It was love at first tail wag". Right back at you, dad! My dad's name is Matt and he decided to name me Rip...how cool is that! He has taught me so much about my new home and country and now we hike on spectacular trails in and around Ottawa and sit together either listening to country music or watching a hockey game or Yellowstone. It's not Montana...it's actually even better. My dad is quite the philosopher and he looked at me one day and said: "I know why dogs don't talk ~ it's because love and loyalty come from actions not words." Life could not be better...for both of us! ❤️



RIP #3492 & RIP (MATT)

**We hope you enjoyed these heart-warming, matchmaking stories.**

**Any help would be greatly appreciated.**

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## The \$5,000 for 100 Challenge

**GR will be gifted \$5,000 IF we find 100 new monthly donors or existing donors who increase their pledge**

A generous anonymous supporter with a Golden heart has pledged to donate \$5,000 to Golden Rescue IF we can sign up 100 new monthly donors by May 20th ~ National Rescue Dog Day!

Let's work together to make this happen! By becoming a monthly donor NOW, you WILL help us meet this goal to unlock this incredible \$5,000 gift.

Monthly donors are the backbone of everything we do. Your regular support allows us to provide much-needed care and medical attention to Golden Retrievers in need. If you're already a monthly donor, increasing your donation amount will also count towards this goal!

Plus, as a special thank you to anyone who signs up to donate \$25 or more, you will receive a copy of our stunning 'Golden Reflections' coffee table book...filled with heartwarming stories and beautiful photos.

Please join our league of monthly donors. With your generosity, we can achieve this goal to save more Golden Retrievers!

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