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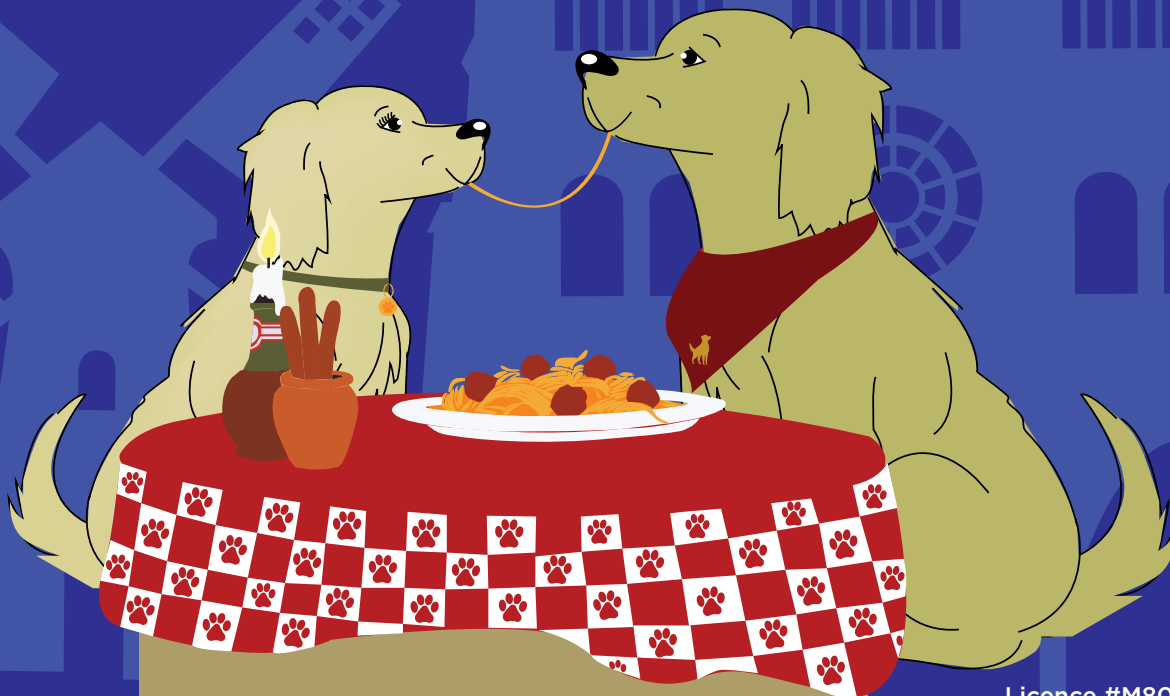


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Mission Statement

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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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On The Cover

Harley #2670 ~ Harley loves being outside in his backyard, also known as his 'Kingdom'. Out there, he's happiest when he's chasing squirrels, rolling around in the leaves, and making snow angels. His favourite thing to do, though, is to spend time in the swimming pool. Every day in spring and summer when he comes home from the office, he makes a beeline for the pool. If you're ever not sure where Harley is, the pool is the first place you should check. Needless to say, Harley is thrilled it's finally swimming season again after a long, snowy winter and here is a [video](#) where you can see how much he loves the pool. **Terry**



Help Us Help Golden's – **CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!**

ONLINE AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Everyone loves a good auction and Golden Rescue puts together a fun and lively online auction a couple of times each year, raising money for our deserving and needy Golden's. Our Auction team needs your help in two key areas:

- We need volunteers to source a wide variety of auction items ~ you need to be resourceful (begging helps) and our team lead will also provide you with suggestions/leads on people and organizations to contact.
- Many items need to be picked up and delivered to Toronto. Then, after the auction, items need to be delivered. If you're willing to do some delivery driving, we would appreciate the help.

Estimated time commitment: whatever time you're able to give

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Volunteer Coordinators (VCs) are vital members of the Golden Rescue team and work closely with Event Coordinators. VCs are responsible for the coordination of volunteers, both two and four legged, for our events, which occur February to December. Our goal is that each VC will handle 2-3 events for the year. You will be provided with all the tools, training, and support you need to fulfill the role. This role can be done remotely, and key activities include:

- monitor and respond to event volunteer emails (start 6 weeks prior to event)
- build and manage the volunteer schedule
- send periodic templated emails to volunteers

- partner with the Event Coordinator and attend the event kickoff call
- ensure the VC checklist status is current

You should possess strong organizational skills, great communication skills, especially written, and a good working knowledge of Excel spreadsheets. You also must be very comfortable working in an email environment. Knowledge of Google Drive would be an asset, but not a requirement. **Estimated time commitment:** approximately 5-6 hours per event over a 4-6 week period

EVENT COORDINATORS

We are looking for Event Coordinators (ECs) to help us run events, which will help expand awareness of Golden Rescue. An example would be having a booth at a farmer's market. Strong organizational and communication skills are critical for this role. Ideally, you are at the event to open and/or close it. ECs work closely with Volunteer Coordinators and are responsible for the overall success of the event. This includes activities such as:

- submitting event applications and registration
- work with the Supplies Coordinator to ensure everything is ready
- completing communication template to create event e-blast
- holding an event prep call for all volunteers
- wrapping up the event and providing event summary details

The goal would be for each EC to do 2-3 events per year. You will work closely with the Events Director and the Events Team, who will provide you with various resources and training to ensure you will be successful. You need to be comfortable working with Microsoft and/or Google files and having familiarity with Google Drive would be an asset, but not necessary. **Estimated time commitment:** 5-6 hours for each event over the course of 4-6 weeks

PICNIC CO-CHAIR (in training)

We are looking for a volunteer who is organized, creative, fun-loving, and open-minded and will be dedicated to the annual picnic ideally for five years. Attending the picnic every year is critical as you will be its key organizer. The key priorities include:

- monitoring and responding to RSVP emails and questions regarding the picnic
- creating activities and the agenda for the picnic
- generating communication messages from April to September for promoting the picnic and providing updated information for those attending
- booking/renting items for the picnic
- overseeing the volunteer coordinator to make sure all activities are well 'staffed'

You must be super-positive, highly organized, and a strong and positive communicator with the ability to critically think and create solutions when problems arise. The days prior to the picnic



require lots of energy as the picnic will have you on your toes at all times. Even though the role is called a 'chair', you won't ever be sitting in one. You will be provided with training and all the support you need. **Estimated time commitment:** March to August: a few hours each week, September: approximately 7-10 hours per week

PICNIC VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (in training)

We are looking for an organized, outgoing, Golden Retriever-loving human, who would be interested in assisting with the coordination of volunteers for the Golden Rescue picnic, which is being held on September 16th. Ideally, we are looking for an individual who would be willing to take on this role for another couple of years and would be planning on attending the picnic. The key activities include:

- monitoring and responding to emails from volunteers interested in volunteering at the picnic
- assigning volunteers to specific roles based on their interest using a pre-existing schedule
- sending out various emails throughout the process
- the day of the picnic be available to answer questions and guide the volunteers to the appropriate areas

You should possess a high level of organizational and communication skills especially written, good working knowledge of Excel Spreadsheets, and have experience working in an email environment. Knowledge of Google Drive would be an asset, but not a requirement. You will be provided with all the tools, training, and support you need to achieve these goals. **Estimated time commitment:** June – September on average a few hours each

week with approximately 7-10 hours per week for the three weeks prior to the event

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

Are you an experienced graphic designer looking for a rewarding volunteer role? Are you interested in creating dynamic, contemporary visuals for our readers to call them to action? If so, then we would love to hear from you. We're looking for a couple of graphic designers who understand our periodic need for speed and fast turnarounds (although not all assignments are time sensitive), who have a flair for contemporary design, can create and distribute eblasts through Mailchimp, and can work with WordPress (the power behind our website). Writing our eblasts and other communication pieces is not a requirement right now ~ content/copy will be sent to you for design (but if you ever want to give writing a try, we're all about bringing out your best)! The primary purpose of this role is to create visuals for key communication pieces like our Wishbone Lottery and Annual Picnic. If you have the talent and the time, we would love to hear from you! **Estimated time commitment:** 10-20 hours/month

FOSTER FAMILIES

We continue to have Goldens coming into our care! We desperately need foster families across Canada. Fostering a Golden and helping him/her through a transitional phase is an incredibly rewarding experience because you're the first step in their new life. We particularly need foster families who are willing to take Goldens with medical or behavioural issues, families without any other dogs or cats in-house or families who are willing to foster a pair. If you are interested in fostering, please fill out a foster application [here](#). Once you've filled out an application, a volunteer

will contact you to clarify any points, answer any questions you might have, and arrange a home visit. **Estimated time commitment:** varies by Golden and circumstance

HOME VISIT VOLUNTEERS (all across Canada)

Potential foster or adopting families require a home visit. You would visit these temporary and permanent families and spend about 30 minutes engaging in conversation and asking questions from the questionnaire we provide to you to guide the conversation. When you return home, you are asked to fill out the home visit form and email it to the volunteer who contacted you.

TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS (all across Canada)

Transport help is always needed to move our Goldens from their past to their future new lives. To do this, volunteer drivers pick up our precious cargo from their previous homes, shelters, vet offices, etc. and drive them to their foster families. Sometimes this trip is short and can be done by one person and other times the distance is great, requiring volunteers to work as a relay team, picking up or dropping off at identified locations along the way. Obviously, this is a very important task. Drivers must have a valid driver's licence and be willing to use their own car.

**If you're interested in any of the
above roles, please email:
teamresources@goldenrescue.ca**

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR RESCUE!

BUSTER THE MYTHBUSTER



BUSTER #4135

Unleashing the Truth about Health Problems in Rescue Dogs

Woof-woof, hello there human friends! My name is Buster #4135...but you can call me 'Myth Buster'! Welcome to my regular column where I'll bark the truth about adoption and rescue dogs.

We know there are some crazy myths out there about us rescues, but don't worry ~ we'll debunk them faster than you can say 'Good boy'!

TODAY'S MYTH:

All rescue dogs have health problems

Let me tell you about rescued Golden Retrievers ~ we're a resilient bunch! While some of us have faced health challenges in the past, most of us are ready to go with just a little love and care.

Golden Rescue has our backs! They make sure we're in tip-top shape by giving us thorough health screenings and all the medical care we need before we find our fur-ever homes. They truly care about our health and happiness and it's all part of their mission to give us a second chance at a happy life. And it's interesting to note that GR's supporting vets are very impressed with the fact that GR will go above and beyond for anything medically required.

And you know what's even more paw-some? For those of us who have special medical needs, Golden Rescue finds us the perfect adoptive families that can give us all the care and attention we require to live our best lives. It's like

having a personal healthcare team and a loving family all rolled into one!

Although some of us may have had a rough start, with love and care, our futures are bright and full of tail wags!

Thanks for joining me for Buster's Myth Buster column, where we busted the myth that all rescue dogs have health issues. As a rescue Golden myself, I can vouch for our resilience and strength. So, the next time you hear someone spreading this myth, bark the truth about how Golden Rescue is changing the lives of rescue dogs like us.

Buster The Mythbuster 🐾





GOLDEN SMILE

Why are Golden Retrievers so smart?

Because they always *get* things!

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



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From My End of the Leash: Byte Two **Annabelle #3257**

Hello again, dear readers. Naturally, I am assuming there are readers out there in the land of Golden Rescue and beyond. No way of telling of course how interested, how devoted, how abundant you are, but then I've always written words down to express my thoughts and opinions merely because I enjoy doing so. 'Tis one way of remaining sane and maintaining my sense of humour; indeed, expression is therapeutic. I should be okay!

My mistress is not always easy to live with, which probably emulates normal personal relationships. I'm guessing and extrapolating here as experience is truly limited. Actually and instinctively, however, I do have a suspicion that I have landed in Canada in the midst of opportunity, peace, and love...with only a sprinkling of challenge, disappointment, and disagreement in tow. Is that normal? Human nature, I guess. Had to include that in order for this article to get past our doghouse scrutiny. I'm sure you understand the meaning of fussy editing by the mistress of the manor. A nuisance, but unavoidable.

Oh my gosh. I think I have somewhat overdone callousness and questionable demeanour but will jettison that and reveal my true nature. I am sooooo sorry. I sincerely trust no one is suffering from an overload of Annabelle output, and that there is some enjoyment out there upon me revealing my personal inner workings. I am always open to feedback, which sounds rather nasty: sort of like barfing up dinner, intentionally or not.

To be honest, I do appreciate my readership, be it of any size at all: grateful and humble, that's me. And my merry matron will attest to my sweetness

and devotion...well, if you catch her in a good mood perhaps. I probably overstate by insinuating otherwise, but seriously now, I really do love my fur-mom most intensely. She is the best thing that ever happened to me...in my whole life. That is, right after the lift-off of the Golden Rescue Mission of Love flight to Canada! In Egypt, and as an experienced mother, I have indelible recollection of unbearable desperation and depression that I succumbed to when my wee ones were taken from me. I screamed inwardly, moaned aloud, my heart broken...with nowhere to turn for consolation and remedy. Repetition of motherhood did not solve the issue for nothing changed. What fear and sadness I was subjected to. What injustice...what feelings of loss and loneliness.

There was another time more recently when I was fearful...the culprit being the unknown. My whole self shook in trepidation from the prospect of an unfamiliar challenge and expectation. Here I was, once again, asked to accommodate the wishes of humans. I felt unsure and in some danger not knowing what outcome would be precipitated... what courage I had to muster. Suddenly, unfamiliar was the name of the game: meeting new people, unsettling terrain, a new element to cope with. In fact, my surroundings were unstable. This fresh environment made me a tad dizzy. I feared the prospect of the strange and untried. My modified world was rapidly morphing into something I could not cope with: suddenly skittish...an unbecoming attitude at a minimum.

My mom seemed to have given up in the consoling category and the controlling of my safety and well-being. Others intervened and were doing

their best to organize and get the vessel off shore. But first we had to scamper and settle within the innards of something called a boat, on something called a lake. Imagine water holding us all up... and dry...and safe. I balked. My otherwise sweet mom had mentally abandoned me...others, eyed accomplishment.

Apparently, I was expected to launch myself into this unstable floating affair. It shimmied and swayed and danced about on the water's surface like a fish out of water and trying to plummet. Not only was I unbalanced, but our new conveyance seemed 'under the influence'. The earth shook, the dock creaked and shuddered, water slid by, altering slope, level, angle, and stability. My heart beat out of control and I failed to recognize myself. My mom masked her concern ~ either that or she was dazed. I guess she deduced that 'quiet' would benefit the situation and get the job done. Anyway, I truly doubted that any attempts would accomplish the desired goal...would levy relief, recovery, and reliability. I don't recall if I tried.

The waves eddied about, swirling and undisciplined. I was rarely in control during the manoeuvring to board the boat; in fact, I was the epitome of unsteady and insecure. I was being coerced into a scene of inconsistency and unreliability. My lady was quiet and undemonstrative. I think she was holding her breath; at least, there was no utterance which was most irregular. She had always been supportive, but now appeared sullen. In all fairness, I believe she was not only speechless, but felt some of my terror. I was on my own for the leash that links me to my mistress was nowhere in sight. I felt



From My End of the Leash: Byte Two...continued



forsaken. Where was her concern? I needed the warm comfort of her arms around me.

The boat's leash was let loose and eventually we were off on our own. You will be relieved to read that confusion turned to a beautiful day on the water composed of wonderful breezes, a safe journey, sunshine and warm wind on our faces. We moored for lunch, although my tummy wasn't interested in such a leap of extremes so soon. I should in all fairness mention there were two other sweet canines aboard: both were studies of the 'You'll get used to it and love it' school of thought.

Guess I'm still a student of the ways and wonder of my adopted country, Canada. And I wouldn't want 'other' for the world. I just hope everyone understands hesitancy in the face of perceived challenges...and the necessity to expand courage. Experience is education.

There is a happy thought to share here: there often is! I'm most grateful to Golden Rescue for bringing me to Canada in the belly of that noisy mechanical monster in the sky. Crossing the Atlantic by watercraft would have elicited more than one disturbing upheaval.

Must dissolve this discourse now, for 'tis time to hitch my fur-person to the other end of my leash. We inevitably seek nature's company at the closing of each day...listening to lyrical birdsong at dusk, and then the indolent silence of approaching night.

And I just might have a couple of apologies to deliver. Maybe not. It takes me a while to discover what is de rigueur...and which borders are accessible and acceptable. Still learning; still hopeful. And still in love with my melancholy mistress: she gets that way about this time when our

meandering thoughts mimic our languid pace. Maybe she just realizes that time moves rather rapidly, despite our sauntering stroll. She is urging me on ~ loitering has just been cancelled.

In conclusion, I ask that my sometime brazen interpretation be forgiven...and my effort honoured. And if I painted either my fur-mom or myself as ornery, we are not; at least, not often. We're just gentle beings...with love in our hearts.

Later on again...Annabelle #3257 🐾

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"She said 'Blah, blah, blah blah — BISCUITS!!'"



DEAR APRIL

APRIL #3939

Hello and welcome to my new column. I'm April #3939 and I am a new Canadian and I arrived from Cairo. I'm around three years old; however, I'm told that I'm pretty wise for my age, so the folks at Golden Rescue asked me if I'd be interested in taking on this column. I would do anything for you all because you saved my life. I'm not sure I'd be alive without you so if I can help in some small measure, it would be my absolute pleasure. I hope you enjoy my column and I would welcome any questions, so email me at guardian@goldenrescue.ca and I'll do my best to answer them.

Yours in rescue and with much gratitude,

APRIL X🐾X

DEAR APRIL: WHAT'S A GOOD FOOD FOR ALLERGIES? ITCHY JACK

Dear Jack: My buddy Harley was on kangaroo meat and kibble, but unfortunately it started to affect his liver, so I've been on the search for an alternative. Well, I found one. It's actually made with soldier fly larvae, disgusting at first thought, but apparently a really good source of protein and approved for human consumption. We're thrilled with the results so far. What a difference ~ his red paws are going white for the first time in six years. All his allergies are minimal after being on it for a few short weeks. It's made in

Montreal and PetValu is carrying it. It's called Wilder Harrier. Hopefully this info will help ~ it's certainly helping Harley.

DEAR APRIL: WHAT ARE HOT-NOT-TO-TROT BURNT PAWS? RUBY

Dear Ruby: This is something we must all be aware of. My mom and dad took my brother and I for a walk last summer and my mom noticed that our gait was off so she put her hand on the pavement and went "OMG" and we went home really quickly. The hot pavement can do serious damage to our pads ~ it can actually burn and blister our pads and it hurts. Someone sent me a picture of their paw and I was aghast. When it's hot, please take us out in the morning or evening as the roads cool down or better yet, walk us on grass or a shady trail. The best test is for your mom or dad is to put their hand on the road and count to seven. If it's too hot for their hand, then it's too hot for us. Check out this chart:



OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE	CONCRETE	ASPHALT
26°	35°	46°
29°	41°	54°
32°	52°	60°
35°	60°	68°

DEAR APRIL: WHY DO WE GOLDENS LIKE GOOSE POOP SO MUCH AND WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS? JAKE

Dear Jake: Although my mom does not let me eat goose poop, sometimes I get it anyway ~ it

tastes delicious. Unfortunately, it is not good for us as it contains parasites, giardi, salmonella or Campylobacter bacteria, which could be contaminated with Avian flu. One of my buds bit a Canada Goose and he passed away (so sad!). So, ingesting goose poop is really a BAD idea.

DEAR APRIL: MY BROTHER SPINS AND TWIRLS BEFORE HE POOPS AND BEFORE HE LAYS DOWN ON HIS BED? WHY DOES HE DO THAT...HE LOOKS SILLY? CASSIE

Dear Cassie: Lots of my friends spin around before they poop ~ I personally don't. My brother Harley does and I know that when he's pooping, he's nervous that something might attack him in the act, so he's careful to spin around to make sure nothing will hurt him in that vulnerable position.

DEAR APRIL: WHAT IS AN INTERDIGITAL CYST? THAT'S HARD FOR ME TO PRONOUNCE. MILLIE

Dear Millie: Interdigital cysts are painful bumps between the toes that can be filled with both blood and pus...gross, I know. One of my friends had this and it really hurt him. It's caused by short hairs, some grasses like foxtails, allergies or other objects getting caught up in the toes. My friends who have webbed feet tend to get them more. It's very important to always check our toes particularly if we're licking or biting them, limping or even crying because they really hurt. They are very painful and require a vet. However, before you see the vet, because sometimes it's hard to get in these days, an Epsom salt soak will help. If you see your vet, the treatment could be anything from topical antibiotics to oral antibiotics and sometimes biopsies are required. The most important thing is to get your toes cleaned and to get topical or oral antibiotics. They can also reoccur so must be monitored.

CFIA BAN UPDATE

HELLO TO ALL YOU GOLDEN RETRIEVER LOVERS!

In our last edition of the Guardian, we shared information around the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) ban on international dog rescue and our community's effort to amend the ban to allow for international rescue to continue with a series of protocols to be adhered to. The hard work of our dedicated team of volunteers and your unwavering support throughout this process have resulted in several important updates that we'd like to share with you.

The first is that we have now met with the CFIA twice in its Stakeholder Engagement Sessions where we have addressed the ban and the potential amendments that may be implemented. It is important to note that we are one of only a handful of rescue organizations consulted in this process. While the outcome of these meetings has not yet resulted in any concrete change, we have been sent a confidential draft of an Import Policy that outlines the initial requirements for the import of personal pet and assistance dogs from countries at high-risk for canine-variant rabies, as outlined by the CFIA. We are in the process of reviewing the Import Policy and will be providing feedback in the coming days.

The second update is that we have been instrumental forming the Canadian Coalition of International Rescues with other likeminded organizations. Earlier this month, we submitted



a letter to the Executive Director, Animal Health Director of the CFIA, Dr. Ireland, outlining our joint concerns.

While the progress may not be as rapid as we would like, we are optimistic about these developments. Our priority now is to keep the CFIA accountable to consulting our community throughout this process and imposing pressure to move quickly on the revisions as we know that every day that passes without an amended ban is another day that Golden Retrievers around the world are suffering and dying.

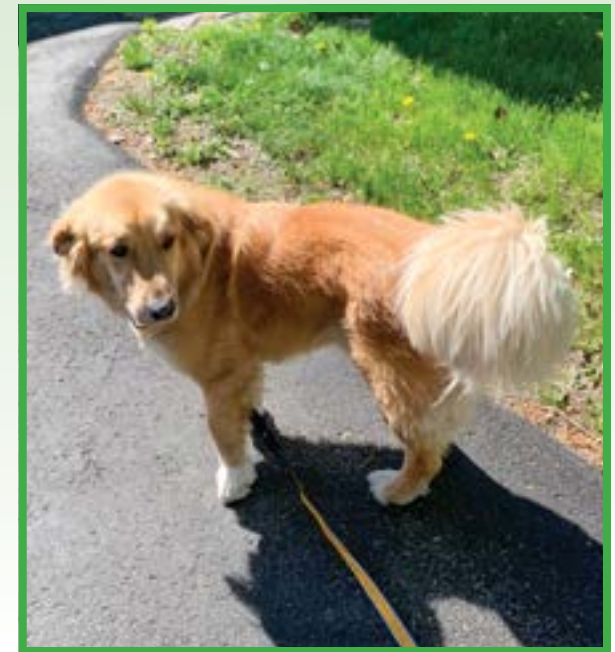
Thank you for your ongoing support through this challenging time. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

MEET & GREET

Frodo #3923

This amazing Istanbul Golden was skittish to begin with especially around all moving vehicles. He literally would dive into the ditch whenever a car was approaching. He has come a long way and is no longer terrified of moving vehicles. He has settled into Canadian life beautifully. He loves all people and dogs and, of course, dinner time. Life in Canada is fantastic and we are so happy he joined our family.

Yvonne



Calling All International Rescuers!

Share Your Golden's Story to Help Save Others!



BOGEY #3987

We need your voice, your passion, and your unwavering dedication to save innocent lives. It's time to rally together again and bring attention back to the critical issue at hand ~ the CFIA ban on international dog rescue.

We must not forget the countless international Golden Retrievers whose lives hang in the balance. Each day under this ban brings heart-wrenching tragedy...with precious lives lost.

We hold onto hope that the CFIA is working towards an amendment; however, we must do something in the meantime. Let's apply gentle pressure and accelerate the process.

Now is the moment to unite our extraordinary Golden Rescue community, to raise awareness and honour the dogs suffering and perishing around the world without our intervention.



NAHLA #3991



TILLY #4041

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Share Your Story! We invite you to send us a brief, heartfelt video (20-30 seconds long) featuring you and your international Golden. Let the world know how your Golden has transformed your life and you theirs.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO ANSWER OR CREATE YOUR OWN HEARTFELT MESSAGE:

- *What is the most heartwarming moment you've shared with your international Golden?*
- *Share a touching story that illustrates the resilience and strength of your international Golden.*
- *What does it mean to you to be a hero in your rescued Golden's life?*

Please send your video to digitalmedia@goldenrescue.ca. We will be creating stories around your stories.

By submitting your video, you're giving us permission to use it in our campaign/promotional materials.

Please ensure that the videos are in 'landscape' orientation and don't forget to include your Golden's name and rescue number in the body of the email.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US!



Upcoming Events

Help us spread the GOLDEN word! We need YOU! 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 SEE YOU SOON!

Saturday, June 10th

Langley Community Day (BC)
11 am – 3 pm

Saturday, June 17th

Courtice Flea Market (ON)
9 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday, June 24th

Carp Farmer's Market (ON)
8 am – 1 pm

Saturday, August 19th

**Muskoka-Huntsville
Summer Market (ON)**
10 am – 6 pm

Saturday, September 16th

Golden Rescue Picnic
Viamede Resort (ON)
10 am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, September 17th

**Barrhaven-Ottawa
Farmer's Market (ON)**
10 am – 2 pm

Sunday, September 24th

**Grand Bend Pinery
Market/Bark-Toberfest (ON)**
9 am – 4 pm

Saturday, September 30th

**Canadian Tire Sudbury
Tag Day (ON)**
11 am – 5 pm

October 14th – 16th

Bala Cranberry Festival (ON)

...AND MORE TO COME!

Third-Party Events

Help Golden Rescue by organizing your own event. Third-party events do more than benefit our Golden's 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's!

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 if there's something we can do to help. Thank you!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS.

Your Golden is especially welcome! Just drop us a quick email at volunteer@goldenrescue.ca and indicate which event you're interested in.



MEET & GREET

Cozy #4270

This is awesome little Cozy with her sister Freyja. Cozy has become such an awesome member of our furry crew and there isn't a day that goes by where she doesn't snuggle and give great, big kisses!

Greg



Golden Rescue's SPRING AUCTION is Gearing Up!

It's a fantastic opportunity to have fun, win amazing prizes, and make a positive impact on the lives of Golden Retrievers in need! PLEASE BID GENEROUSLY!

SAVE THE DATES:

Auction Starts: Friday, June 23rd at 9 am

Auction Ends: Sunday, June 25th at 9 pm

Click [here](#) to access the auction!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS!

If you would like to donate prizes/auction items, please email sa@goldenrescue.ca (new items only).

Please note that all donations have to be received by June 16 and central pick-up locations can be arranged in advance.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SOME THINGS WE'D BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE:

- Anything related to Golden Retrievers/dogs
- Theatre/sporting event tickets
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- Car detailing
- Restaurant certificates
- Tickets for attractions (Wonderland, Zoo, Aquarium)
- Experiences (flights, hotels, resorts, hot-air ballooning, escape rooms, etc.)
- Jewelry and accessories
- Games and puzzles
- Fitness classes/gym memberships
- Artwork, home décor and garden/outdoor items
- THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THE TRAINING CORNER



EVERY DOG HAS A BRAIN

Yes, every dog has a brain. Now I know there may be times when we question this, but their brain is what tells them to react the way they do. Their brain is made up of what we'll call 'building blocks'. Our brain is also made up of building blocks. Each building block represents a skill or lack of a skill. Some may be strong and some may be weak. These blocks influence the choices they make.

When a dog sees or hears something, they may or may not have a reaction, depending on whether it's important to them. If it's important to them, their brain then decides if it's good or bad and then it tells them how to react. Their reaction may be appropriate or inappropriate. The challenge is that they may think it's appropriate, whereas we don't think it's appropriate at all. For instance, your dog sees a squirrel and thinks this is good, no wait, great! His natural instincts kick in and go Woohoo...Let's chase that squirrel! While you're on the other end of the leash going No, Stop, Bad Dog, etc. What we have is a conflict of interest. Your Golden's brain is saying, this is appropriate behaviour. Your brain, on the other hand, is saying this is not appropriate behaviour. It's simply two differing opinions.

When we are looking at concepts or behaviours, this dog is lacking self-control (also known as impulse control), disengagement (from the

squirrel), proximity (seeing way more value in hanging out with you rather than chasing the squirrel), flexibility (being able to make the decision to not chase the squirrel), thinking in arousal (making a more appropriate decision like not chasing the squirrel), and arousal down (calming themselves down when they are really excited about chasing the squirrel). You can now see why this is hard for most dogs.

Reactivity happens when our dogs are excited, fearful or frustrated. This is when their bucket overflows, which is what I wrote about in the last issue of The Guardian. Reactivity can be barking, lunging, jumping, destroying things, whining, mouthing, unable to listen, shaking, humping, zoomies, etc. Every dog is different. Some dogs will react, some will not. Their reaction will also differ from dog to dog. The challenge is that dogs will become what they practice or rehearse. The more they continue to react, the more it becomes the norm. What we need to understand and accept is that these are not behavioural problems. This is simply how dogs behave.

I want to put some perspective on this. We react to things all the time too. For instance, if you were to discover that you were holding the winning \$60 million lottery ticket, I doubt that you would stand there looking at it and simply say "isn't that nice, I just won \$60 million".

You would have some sort of reaction. Possibly screaming, jumping up and down, calling your family, complete disbelief, and any other number of possibilities. We are all different.

Let's look at more everyday stuff. If you're into sports, how do you react at sports games? How about scary movies, live performances, casinos or when you get frustrated because you are unable to do something (which perhaps you could do previously). How you react may be different from someone else. People were going crazy over the hockey playoffs. I wasn't. I'm not into hockey. Finally, let's think about a child of about two to three years of age. What do they do when they hear some exciting news? They may scream with glee, jump up and down or act silly. How about when they're scared? They may hide behind you, scream or run away. What about when they're frustrated? Remember this is a two to three year old child. They may yell, refuse to try or throw a temper tantrum. Do these children have behavioural problems? Of course not. They simply have not developed the skills to deal with the situation and act appropriately.

Here's the thing ~ a mature dog, which is around two years of age, has the maturity level of a two to three year old child and that's as good as it gets. Your dog's brain at adulthood will never be able to process information any better than

that of a two year old. On top of that, we cannot reason with a dog, whereas in most cases, we can reason with a child.

Positive reward-based obedience training is perfect for teaching your dog words, but not for changing behaviour. We have limited success in telling them what to do or what not to do in that moment because our dogs can't think when they're in that state of mind. You might change the behaviour through force, but your dog will feel conflicted and confused because their brain disagrees with what you want. In addition, you damage your relationship with your dog. If we tell our dog to look at us, we are being confrontational because



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

dogs staring at each other is intimidating and often results in reactivity. Moreover, we are now adding to their bucket so now both you and your dog's buckets are overflowing.

This is where games-based training works better because we train for the situation, not in the situation. By playing specific games that work on developing the skills the dog is lacking, we start to re-shape the way their brain thinks, which in turn allows them to make better, more appropriate decisions, such as not chasing that squirrel, lunging at another dog, pulling on the leash, and anything else your dog tends to do. Playing for the situation simply means that you play the games in every possible room in your home, including closets and bathrooms if they're big enough. Play in your backyard, on leash on your front yard, and on walks on leash in non-distracting environments! But be sure to play the games that address the struggles your dog has. As the brain is re-shaped, they start making better decisions in real-life situations. We use the games that Absolute Dogs has developed because they're the leaders in games-based training.

We sometimes forget that dogs are not humans. However, we often treat them like or expect them to behave like humans. We have to remember that they are incredible creatures, with different genetics, strengths, and weaknesses. They deserve our respect, patience, and the most up-to-date training methods to help them become the best dog they can be.

By Lynda Kitson

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

MEET & GREET

Eddie #3012 & Jake #3960

Eddie and Jake are both rescues who have become very close. They are very different from each other; however, one thing they share is the love for water. They both love the snow but Eddie was a 'snowdog' the instant he saw his first snowflake. Eddie is calm and wise. Jake is goofy, funny, and ball obsessed (he'd be happy if we threw his ball for hours). They like and love each other very much. Together they play-fight over the same toy and they often carry the same stick. We love them to pieces!

Marzena & Mike





Penny #4451

Penny joined our family not long ago. She was a little shy at first and is still timid around her new brother, Jerry, who tries to dominate her; however, they have started playing together. Check it out [here!](#) Penny is scary smart and has already learned 'drop it', 'fetch', 'stay', and 'wait'. With this kind of intelligence, we have a feeling Jerry may not stand a chance. The two of them together make our hearts smile.

Nikita & Chris

GR's 50/50

WELCOME TO A GOLDEN SUMMER

Our 50-50 Online Cash Lottery starts on June 12th. Don't miss out on any of our Early Bird draws. This draw, we have **FIVE FABULOUS EARLY BIRD PRIZES** up for grabs!

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- Happy Birthday Shadow #1342
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Cost: \$20 per date or \$50 if you'd like a small photo in the same month (limited spaces available so first-come...)

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Please send your fabulous Golden photos as the feature pages for the 2024 calendar. Take photos with the highest device settings & please don't compress them for email.

Please e-mail photos to photos@goldenrescue.ca. Please make sure you tell us who's who and include their rescue numbers.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1ST
(commemorative dates and photo submissions)



MEET & GREET

Summit #4286

Our Golden superstar is an active, super achiever. She hikes over snowy mountains, has learned to paddleboard (a work-in-progress), is a running fool as a competitive member of her 'trail running group', has completed Level 1 of her agility program, swims like a dolphin in alpine lakes, goes to work every Friday to keep all the staff motivated, and is planning to get her therapy dog certificate soon. She's great with our senior Golden, Sundae, and loves to cuddle with her. She's very obedient and smart and when we go to work, she's quite happy to stay curled up on her beloved couch. We think she is the perfect Golden!

Anastassia & Chris



**SCAN
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Happy Father's Day

SHOPPING AT THE GR STORE

The Golden Rescue Store moved to Shopify several months and it is now so much easier to shop.

Father's Day is just around the corner so why not shop at the GR store to buy something different for your proud Golden Dad, like a set of beer mugs, barbeque scraper, golf accessories, thermal bottle (for when he's on the golf course),

and many more options. If you can't make up your mind, let him decide by giving him a gift certificate, which can be emailed to you so that you can give it to him on his special day.

As always, any questions, comments or suggestions for the store are gladly appreciated. Please email us at grstore@goldenrescue.ca.

Summer Safety = Summer Fun

We've waited all winter for this warm, sunny season and blissfully summer has arrived. Now, we need to make sure our furry family members enjoy the summer just as much as we do! Summer safety is the key to summer fun, which means protecting them from harm ~ be it insect bites or car/boat/water safety.

Ticks and fleas love hot weather and hitching a ride on warm-blooded creatures. Speak to your veterinarian about protecting your Golden from these pests and if your Golden has already been bitten by a tick, make sure the tick is removed safely, preferably by your veterinarian or you might want to buy a tick remover to have on hand. In all cases, please check with your veterinarian first.

Travelling in a vehicle with your Golden means careful planning. First and foremost, know that hot cars can be fatal to dogs when left alone in baking temperatures even with the windows partially open. Safety belts for Golden's prevent unnecessary jostling and distractions during car rides and in the event of an accident, will prevent them from flying through the windshield.

Avoid strenuously exercising your furbaby on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings when the heat is less intense. Walk your Golden on the shady side of the street or on grass and make sure they have plenty of access to drinking water. We all know how hot asphalt and cement become under the hot summer sun and we humans wear shoes to protect our feet. Our furbabies feel the heat too and they have nothing to protect their paws. Sun-beaten

sidewalks and roads can burn their pads, so avoid exposing your dog to hot surfaces. Keep their pads cool with water or cold compresses. Keeping paws cool and comfortable will also keep the rest of your Golden cool and comfortable. Set up a little kiddie pool for your furbaby at home. Just standing or lying in the water will keep them cool...so keep those paw pads wet.

Life jackets for dogs? Surprisingly, not all Golden's are born with strong swimming skills and some will never like water or swimming. Until you know they are strong swimmers, here are some tips for keeping them safe:

- Keep your Golden on a leash while they are learning to swim. It may take a few seconds, minutes or a couple of tries before your Golden feels secure. And in some cases, they will never like swimming.
- Choose a quiet, shallow spot to begin.
- Get in the water with your Golden. This is also a wonderful bonding experience.
- Never force your Golden to stay in the water. They will stay in the water as long as it's a pleasant experience.
- When your Golden begins to paddle with their front legs, lift their back end to show them how to float.
- You may wish to invest in a fitted 'canine float coat' if they are a 'sinker' or easily fatigued.

- Keep in mind, not all bodies of water are equal. From pools to ponds, rivers and lakes to oceans, there are other factors to consider. Most importantly, never leave your furry family member alone in any body of water.
- Chlorine and other water purifiers may irritate your Golden's skin or even turn it green. Rinse with plain water at the end of swim day to remove any unwanted chemicals and salts. Moisturizing shampoos or fatty acid supplements may ease any itching.
- Gently remove any water from inside their ears to prevent infections or use swimmer's ear drops before swimming. Keep pools fenced or covered with rainwater drainage holes when swim time is over. Teach your Golden how to get out of the pool by providing steps or a ramp and make sure they are easy to access and use.
- Avoid blue-green algae ridden ponds, rivers or lakes. Such vegetation will cause illness if it penetrates the skin or is ingested. Ocean salt water can cause illness, as can fish, crabs, jellyfish or other dead creatures ashore.
- Check the water temperature and currents. Dogs can suffer from hypothermia with symptoms such as shivering, decreased heart rate, and dilated pupils. Learning canine CPR mouth-to-nose resuscitation is a good idea because you never know when you might have to save a life.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER ~ REMEMBER THAT A SAFE SUMMER = A GOOD SUMMER!

GOLDEN RETRIEVER BELIEVER CLUB

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Thank you to all our fabulous MONTHLY DONORS. You are truly the backbone of our organization and we value you beyond words...and our Golden retrievers feel the same way! You will note that there are stars beside many names. These indicate new donors or existing donors who increased their monthly donations as a result of our '\$5,000 For 100' Campaign, which was a huge success. Thank you all for participating! And a SPECIAL and HUGE thank you to our anonymous donor for the gift and the idea (you know who you are)!!!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

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- Perform a song
- Stand-up comedy act or tell some jokes
- Perform magic tricks
- Silly or amazing pet tricks
- Put together a group & perform a skit
- Read a poem
- Anything else to entertain us

We would like all the 'acts' to be Golden or rescue themed. And there will be no judging. Simon Cowell will not be in attendance. Get creative...be brave...and take part in our GOLDEN RESCUE'S GOT TALENT variety show. Please email picnic@goldenrescue.ca if you're willing to participate (all ages welcome).

COST: \$15 per person or \$30 per family (includes a yummy bbq lunch)

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OUR LEADERS & TEACHERS OF TOMORROW...

We received a heart-warming letter from a young supporter. It proves our volunteers and supporters can never start too young. It also shows the impact our 'events' have on the community. Don't you just want to hug Sawyer?



Dear Golden Rescue

My name is Sawyer and I am in grade five.

I am writing to you to let you know that I picked your charity for a project to give back and to let you know how much I appreciate you and your charity, as well as the effort you put into it.

I chose your charity because I also have a Golden, and I admire your effort. I first found out about your charity when I went up to the Golden Rescue booth at the Muskoka market.

When I presented about you I explained how you treat, care, and fundraise for Golden.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

Sawyer

MEET AND GREET

Charlie #4449



After losing our beloved Jackson last July, we wondered if we would ever have a dog again. Some time passed and the lost sounds of those clicking feet as he walked through the house seemed deafening. Enter Charlie, an almost 2.5-year-old Golden and our first rescue. He arrived in our home through a series of transports, meetings, and a little bit of luck. We read the 3-3-3 Rule and were keen to let nature take its course. Shy but friendly at first, Charlie has quickly turned into our third family member. He seems most happy when the three of us are together spending time in his oasis/forest yard. He is an avid explorer and between chewing and running zoomies around the yard, we laugh together often. That classic Golden smile has come on strong and we know he feels at home with us. We have discovered his fascination with water and the hose...there is a wet Golden in our future! As we are a boating/cottage family, this is a perfect outcome for all. He loves his walks and chew-time and also loves snuggling and giving wet kisses. He is the sweetest boy ever ~ a true lovebug. We often thank Jackson for sending us Charlie, it's almost as if it was a meant-to-be. We've been told by many of our friends/family that he won the 'rescue lottery'... and we respectfully disagree! We're the true winners here!

Carole & Kelly

MEET & GREET



Asha #3870

It took this delightful girl almost a year to settle and become the beautiful, feisty girl she is now. Asha has recently discovered the couch but will only come up once she has been given permission... one leg at a time. Once on the couch, she looks pretty proud with herself. She loves her walks with her boyfriend, Bailey, but her favourite thing is the TV. She is absolutely TV obsessed. She loves every single program but is particularly enchanted with cartoons ~ it is the craziest, funniest thing to watch! She is absolutely spoiled and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Joan

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Charlie #2200 & Bo #4396

Here is a story of two amazing Golden Retrievers ~ Charming Charlie and Mr. Bojangles! Charming Charlie and I had a long journey home from Charlie's foster family. I flew up to Thunder Bay and booked into a dog-friendly hotel where we spent the night together. The next morning, we began our two-day trek home. Charlie and I even paddled on Lake Superior on the way home. When Charlie arrived 'home', he settled right away. He is handsome, tall, and a complete delight, especially when he bats his red, long eyelashes. Charlie loves and charms every human and every canine he meets and that's probably why he got the nickname of Charming Charlie. Bo is a very handsome red Golden with a gorgeous coat and a big fluffy tail. His original name was Mr. Bogangles but of course that's a mouthful when you call him for dinner so Bo it is. He has been described as a lovely, sweet, intelligent Golden who loves to be with his people, go for long walks, and do zoomies with great exhilaration. Bo is a follower not a leader so he stays close to his brother, Charlie, and parrots his every move. Except, he's still not totally sure of swimming yet but he does love paddling at the cottage on Lake Huron so we all expect swimming will be his next step as soon as the weather warms up. Come on Bo...just follow Charlie! We absolutely love that Charlie has a baby brother and we love having our two boys ~ they bring us so much joy!

Vanessa & Rob



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

#4229 Bailey
2-year-old male
Adopted by Shelley

#4133 Ben
2-year-old male
Adopted by Cynthia & Ross

#4449 Charlie Rico
2-year-old male
Adopted by Carole & Kelly

#4410 Daisy
6-year-old female
Adopted by Deborah & Wayne

#4426 Daisy
2-year-old female
Adopted by Rochelle & Rob

#4440 Ellie Rose
6-week-old female
Adopted by Cherie & Rob

#4436 Fiona
2-year-old female
Adopted by Bev & Ross

#4425 Heidi
6-year-old female
Adopted by Hilary & Jim

#4433 Jean
6-year-old female
Adopted by Robert

#4417 Joey
7-month-old male
Adopted by Tamara & Brad

#4247 Kiki
1-year-old female
Adopted by Janet & Terry

#4299 King
2-year-old male
Adopted by Leona & Darrell

#4373 Leyla
6-year-old female
Adopted by Kimberly

#4422 Lily
11-month-old female
Adopted by Deb

#4383 Lola
1-year-old female
Adopted by Lee & David

#4439 Maverick
3-month-old male
Adopted by Bernadette

#4424 Molly
2-year-old female
Adopted by Shona

#4451 Penny
1-year-old female
Adopted by Nikita & Chris

#4446 Rhodey
6-year-old male
Adopted by Angela

#4406 Rosey
6-year-old female
Adopted by Carol & Brian

#4407 Rosie
5-year-old female
Adopted by Janice & Peter

#4437 Rosie
4-year-old female
Adopted by Chris

#4448 Rosie
3-month-old female
Adopted by Kimberley & Martin

#4343 Reuben
3-year-old male
Adopted by Lisa & Mark

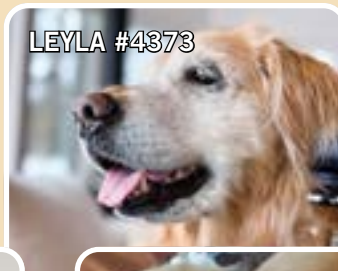
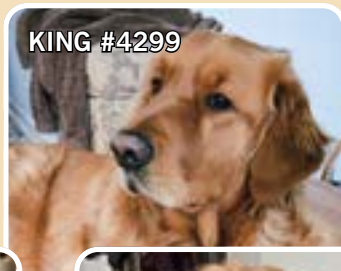
#4435 Sadie
5-year-old female
Adopted by Susan & Michael

#4429 Shadow
6-week-old male
Adopted by Jennifer & Jason

#4450 Stevie
10-month-old female
Adopted by Neve & Avry

#4432 Taffy
5-year-old female
Adopted by Tammy & Mike

#4212 Vinnie
1-year-old male
Adopted by Susan & Glen



*Welcome home
Goldens!*

Rocky's Rocky Start

Rocky, a handsome three-year-old boy was being transported by volunteers to his foster family when he unexpectedly pulled hard on his leash and ran away frightened into a dense bush dragging his 8-foot leash behind him. Rocky was simply too afraid and bewildered to be caught easily and so began this two-week heart-wrenching ordeal... thankfully with a happy ending. We thought you'd like to read the account of this scary event and about the dedication of volunteers and a community to find Rocky. Here is the day-to-day record along with a sightings map:

Day 1 ~ April 23rd: During his transport to his foster family, Rocky escaped and ran into the bush and could not be found. Volunteers were amassed immediately but had no successful sightings. This took place in Kaladar, Ontario, two hours west of Ottawa.

Day 2 ~ April 24th: Rocky did approach a man but as soon as the man came closer to him, he bolted. Knowing that Rocky was not going to be caught easily, a bigger team of volunteers set up cameras and a live trap with food to catch Rocky. They found a trap they could borrow from a wildlife centre. Food was left out at a nearby residence. He was seen on a trail cam at 11 p.m. eating. He returned at 1:15 am and ate again at 2:06 a.m. At 3:30 a.m. he was seen crossing Hwy #7. It became obvious that capturing Rocky would be an even bigger challenge so this fantastic team of volunteers went above and beyond the call organizing shifts into the wee hours of the morning not only to watch the trap but these are some of the things the group miraculously organized:

- camera set-ups
- set-up food prep & replenishing schedule
- scenting of property & trap monitoring
- recharging trap battery
- developing social media campaign
- monitoring and follow-ups for all sighting calls
- liaising with law enforcement
- liaising with community & local businesses

Day 3 ~ April 25th: No sightings. Volunteers transported the trap from the wildlife centre. Trap was set-up, tested, and stocked in order to secure Rocky at the same residence where he had previously eaten. It was raining and volunteers monitored the trap until 3:30 a.m. Rocky was a no-show.

Day 4 ~ April 26th: There was a sighting in the afternoon. Rocky now had dark brown legs ~ looked like he had spent time in a bog up to his belly (intentionally or unintentionally?). Volunteers cooked chicken and bacon and vented to the outdoors to entice our boy. They scented the trap and food was replenished. Rocky arrived late at night for feeding and went into the trap but the door did not engage. Rocky was either large enough to eat without tripping the trigger plate or the trigger assembly didn't engage. Regardless, the volunteers were devastated, watching in the rain as he disappeared again.

Day 5 ~ April 27th: Volunteers continually plotted sightings and determined the loop Rocky was making. His pattern of behaviour was established and was somewhat predictable. Volunteers then secured the loan of a Sensor Trap ~ a much



larger trap with an electronic door closure. GR's transport team sprang into action and relayed it across the province in record time. Trap was tested repeatedly and then scented and stocked. Volunteers monitored the trap until 3 a.m. Rocky was a no-show.

Day 6 ~ April 28th: Rocky had a courtesy meal compliments of the home owner's dog who didn't finish his breakfast. A sighting was reported at 11 a.m. but was not consistent with our Rocky's behaviour as it was 11 kms out of town to the east. It was discovered to be a local dog. It was raining again and volunteers monitored the trap until 3 a.m. Rocky was a no-show.

Rocky's Rocky Start...continued

Day 7 ~ April 29th: Rocky was seen just after 11 a.m. when a chip truck opened. Rocky was seen on Hwy #41 still dragging his leash. A motorist approached but Rocky ran into the bush. It was raining steadily as volunteers went to investigate the area of dense bush. Terrain was not friendly and Rocky was not there. There were evening fireworks. First heard at 7 p.m. and they continued sporadically until 4:30 a.m., which probably spooked Rocky. Volunteers monitored the trap until 3:00 a.m. but Rocky was a no-show.

Day 8 ~ April 30th: Rocky was seen on the run before noon on an ATV trail past the chip truck. He was also spotted near the OPP station on Hwy #7. Volunteers advised the community of him roaming their area. Abandoned buildings were checked and mid-afternoon he was sighted back across Hwy #41. That evening he crossed Hwy #7 again. Volunteers investigated alternative sources of food as he was no longer coming to the residence with the trap.

Day 9 ~ May 1st: One potential sighting 15km to the west. Could not confirm it was him.

Day 10 ~ May 2nd: No sightings. It may have been Rocky 15 km out of town. Volunteers however checked the terrain and community just in case and asked members of the community to check cameras and keep a lookout.

Day 11 ~ May 3rd: Volunteers met with a rep from Quinte West Lost Paws on-site. They toured the area and explained Rocky's loop. They showed her Rocky's path to the trap and his anticipated route. She stopped 15 km out of town, spoke to residents, and surveyed the area.



Day 12 ~ May 4th: No sightings (volunteers had not seen him now for 4 days). Everyone was getting nervous and dark thoughts were seeping in; however, everyone chose to channel their energy into being more determined than ever. They thoroughly searched a wrecking yard in case his leash was caught somewhere. A drone, at high altitude, was employed to locate but not frighten. A sighting was called in on Hwy #506

considerably north of town. It was investigated but it was not Rocky.

Day 13 ~ May 5th: A sighting was called in early morning. Approximately 30 km from Kaladar via Hwy 7 west and then south. Homeowner found Rocky in a shed sleeping. He had his dog with him, which ran Rocky off the property. Thirty minutes later, Rocky returned to sniff the composter in the yard. Later that day, the home owner returned to find Rocky playing in standing water by the road. Volunteers rushed to the sighting. Neighbours were all friendly and dog loving people so the volunteers were well received. They set up one resident as a feeding station with a camera but Rocky was a no-show.

Day 14 ~ May 6th: A sighting was called in. Rocky was on Beaver Lake Road North during the afternoon. He had chased a car and the leash was positively identified. Sunny Day Social media was expanded to Beaver Lake and as far south as Tamworth. A communication plan for Beaver Lake residences was set up. Additional volunteers assisted in door-to-door awareness. ATV trails were checked and countryside in the immediate area combed for sightings or evidence of a roaming dog. Rocky was not seen.

Day 15 ~ May 7th: Volunteers spent the day in the North Beaver Lake community doing a door-to-door campaign along with social media. There was a sighting identified at 10:30 a.m. Could not confirm if it was Rocky at first. It was later confirmed that it was not Rocky.

Day 16 ~ May 8th: THE DAY WE HAD ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! At 10:35 pm a Golden was found in the Tweed area and people reached

Rocky's Rocky Start...continued

out through social media. Three volunteers were immediately dispatched. Eureka...it was Rocky. The homeowner thinks Rocky was spooked so he ran to their porch where he was captured. Rocky's adventure had come to an end but not yet for our search & rescue team. Our team secured him in one of the vehicles and drove to a secure area. Time to de-tick and brush Rocky so he could get some well-deserved rest before his journey with his foster parents the next morning. Volunteers treated Rocky like the rock star he had become. Treats and lots of pats made him feel comfortable and well-loved and the de-ticking went well. He spent a very short night in the residence of the home he had frequented in the first few days of his adventure. Volunteers and Rocky's fosters met up early the next morning.

Rocky, to everyone's surprise, is a quiet, gentle, and a loving boy. He seemed to enjoy the social gathering. He was double-leashed and air tagged. Rocky finally met his foster family who had been following his adventure the entire time and had been waiting by the phone to pick him up at a moment's notice.

Dog experts and trainers say that you should never name a dog without thought as they often become their name (i.e. if you call a dog 'Killer' or 'Trouble', they could well become their name). So, everyone in GR decided that because of Rocky's 'rocky start', he should definitely be given a new name. In gratitude to all the wonderful people in the Kaladar area, our boy is now called KALADAR.

THANK YOU... This amazing group of volunteers truly saved Kaladar's life and the unselfish effort they put into this rescue including keeping vigil well into the wee hours of the morning is truly

remarkable. A special thank you must go to Lynn Harding, Kevin McLaughlin, and the Bence Family for leading the charge ~ their unwavering efforts, many sleepless nights, and all the angst. We know that the happy ending made it all worth it.

A huge Golden THANK YOU to all of these amazing people who brought Kaladar (aka Rocky) home to safety!

The Search & Rescue ground crew: Joe Bence, Karen Bence, Olivia Bence, Jack Bence

The tracking equipment & for unwavering support: P.J. Wilson, Rhonda Guthrie Taft (Quinte West Lost Paws)

Support team: Kellie Revell (posters & ground

crew), Amber Shaver (posters), Andrew Morgan (ground crew & mapping)

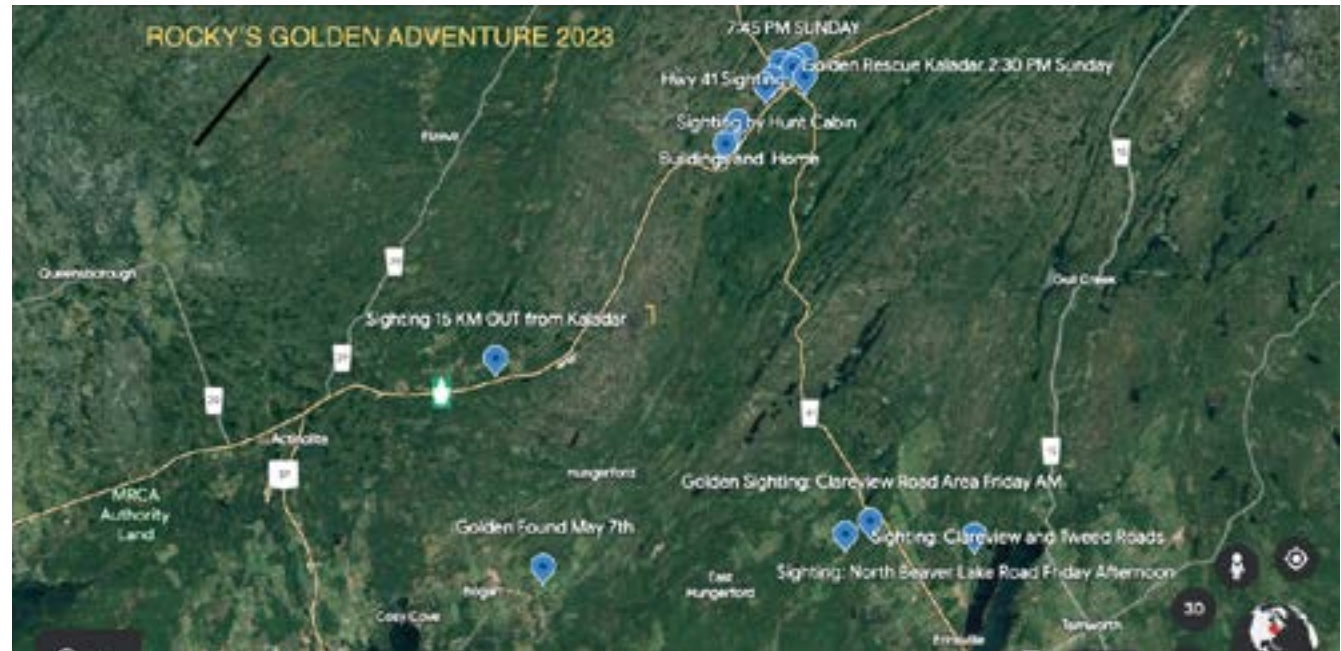
Kaladar OPP: Bobby Bence

The Communities: Kaladar, North Beaver Lake, Clairview Road Erinsville, Tweed, Golden Rescue Community

Rocky's Finders: Rebecca McTaggart & Cory Mieske

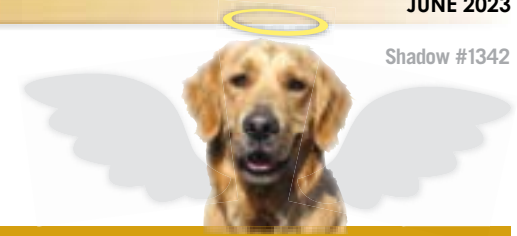
Kaladar's Fosters: Alyssa & David

Kaladar is doing very well with his foster family and he has settled in well. He'll be ready to move to his forever family by the end of June...and he already has an adopter waiting for him...from the search & rescue team!!!



GOLDEN ANGELS

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



Shadow #1342

Lora Chow

Lora has been a consummate volunteer and supporter since 2008. She has worked at many events such as the Canadian Pet Expo and Pickering Markets. She has fostered several Golden Retrievers including her own foster failure, Lola #2756. Lora is on the placement team and she supports the team by entering all the adoption applications into the database. She is also on the photography team. Her love for Golden Retrievers started with her own Callebaut and Skeena who have both been GR ambassadors extraordinaire. We are so lucky to have Lora on our team ~ a wonderful person with a can-do attitude.



LORA WITH LOLA #2756

Patricia Hope

When Patricia's beloved Golden, Kyla, passed away in 2020, she started to volunteer for GR in Kyla's memory. Patricia is a key member of the intake team, bringing countless Golden Retrievers into the arms of foster families and the great care GR will provide. She also handles the important job of transferring vet records from our GR vets to adoptive families' vets. Besides joining the transport team, Patricia has added fostering to her long-line of volunteering and she has already fostered Wally #4394 and Maverick #4439. Patricia lives east of Sault Ste Marie with her husband and three dogs and a cat. Thank you, Patricia, for everything you do. You're a pleasure to work with and you're the best!



PATRICIA WITH GORDIE & BELLA

Cheryl Uhrig

Cheryl's philosophy is 'Winning the lottery, great. Love of a Golden, priceless'. Wow ~ what a great saying! Cheryl is a long-term volunteer with Golden Rescue. She started volunteering after she adopted Roxy #936 and many years Fennie #2202. She has done a multitude of home visits and has volunteered at many events including The Pickering Markets and St. Jacobs Market. Her most memorable role is as our resident GR cartoonist. You have seen her work everywhere from her regular feature cartoons in the Guardian to cartoons in Golden Reflections, the cookbook, our coffee mugs, and the adoption and foster guides. Cheryl is talented and warm-hearted with a great sense of humour. How lucky are we?



CHERYL WITH FENNIE #2202

ADOPTION ALERT

Can you open your heart and home to one of these two...they deserve to have a wonderful ever-after with a family that loves them.

Rudy #4333

I am Rudy and I am a 2.5-year-old boy who came over the big water from Istanbul. My awesome foster dad says that I'm a really smart boy, affectionate, and loving. I love my walks and just can't get enough of your attention. I would do better in a calmer environment, otherwise, I will just feed off the excitement around me. I love to run and search and smell things while out on my walks (and lots of walks would be great) so be watchful about what might be on the ground around me. I would love a large fenced yard with room to run and expend my energy. I could use some training on the leash thingy and jumping up while greeting people. I tend to get bored easily and can be a bit of a chewer when I am bored (plants, bedding, etc.) so don't leave me alone unsupervised for too long. I am a friendly, happy, and very curious boy who loves human affection and I have a ton of energy. I am a dominant boy so it would be best to have no other pets in the family. So, if you're looking for a buddy, his name just might be Rudy! **Foster location:** Newmarket, ON



Luna #4469

Hi everyone my name is Luna and I'm a 9-year-old girl. I have a lot of energy for my age and everyone thinks I act more like a 3-4-year-old. If you are an active family, I just might be your girl. I love life and all people and every day is a new adventure...and I can't wait to get started. As much as all people (men, women, children, grandparents, neighbours, mail carrier, strangers, Amazon deliverer, passers-by) delight me... dogs not so much! Don't know why but I'm just not a fan of other dogs so on



my walks my wonderful foster dad is careful to avoid other canines. He just turns around and walks the other way when he sees one coming. Because of that, I can be a bit of a handful on the leash so you need to be in command. On the other hand, if I don't see another dog, I settle in fine on my walks. My amazing fosters think this is not likely to change at my age so maybe you can't teach an old(er) dog new tricks after all. I know my commands quite well. I am gentle with my treats. You can touch me anywhere. Loud noises don't bother me and the doc says I'm a healthy girl. As much as I have lots of energy, I also love cuddling, so if you let me up on the couch with you, I'll be in heaven. My foster mom describes me as "a very smart, obedient girl who is a joy to have in our family." If you are looking for an energetic love-bug and have a spare belly-rub-hand, I sure would love to meet you. **Foster location:** Lindsay, ON

If you're interested in adopting Rudy or Luna please email 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. Please forward to as many dog lovers as possible!

Enjoying Spring With Your Golden

Spring is here and the weather is getting beautiful. We all want to take our dogs off-leash and let them run, but should we? I know what you're thinking...my dog comes to me when I'm in the house, follows me around like a shadow, and comes when I call. Having 95% recall, to the average person, is a big confidence boost but to a dog trainer it's the 5% that's really worrisome (chance of a tragic dog attack or accident on the road). You never know what you're going to encounter when you're on a back trail there could be predators, prey or other dogs and all kinds of distractions to steer your dog away.

We don't expect our kids to immediately know things that we teach them. We test them to make sure they understand. Dogs also need to be constantly tested on their recall for it to be reliable.

The smartest way to achieve that 5% is to practice your exercises frequently and use lots of distractions to test your dog. I like to get a long line, one that's 30 or 40 feet. I typically walk my dog on a shorter 6-foot leash to the park. Once there I put the 40-foot-long line on and now the dog can run and play. While in play at some point, I'm going to call them. The line is there just in case they're not listening.

Waiting for that right time when there's a distraction like a squirrel, another dog or even a leaf blowing by and using this distraction to try a recall will really let you know if your dog can handle that 5%.

Try to use a different distraction every time ~ a bird, squirrel, bunny, people the dog knows or other dogs. Basically, anything that your dog goes to and wouldn't normally come back from. Once you've tested them through the gambit of distractions, you will know which ones you need to practice more.

Achieving full follow-through is also very important during the recall exercise. Most people will call their dog and their dog will start running towards them, get six feet away and then they say 'good dog' too soon and the dog will then zip past them or may just turn and run away. Instead, as your dog comes to you after being called, make sure you straighten your back and have them sit down in front of you before you release them from the command. When you call your dog, it's usually for a reason, either because you want to put a leash and collar on them, want to get a burr out of their coat or for other safety reasons. Whatever the reason you need to make physical contact with them for, having them sit once they reach you will assure you are in control and able to protect your pet properly without them running off thinking it's all a game.

For this exercise, try not to do more than three recalls in a row. If you do too many, they may get bored and you can lose the momentum for what you're trying to gain.

Also important, and perhaps the most important part of the whole exercise, is to finish with a ton of love. It isn't over until you've done the love and you really can't overpay at this point! This means lots of 'GOOD DOG!' and praise for your dog with



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

pets and ear scratches and as much affection as they want until they decide it's enough. If they don't walk away on their own, then they still want more.

**By Peter Brown, Owner
and Professional
Dog Trainer at
Alpha Paws
www.alphapaws.com**



MEET & GREET**Princess #4352**

Our 9-year-old 'princess' is one of those dream Golden. She loves all dogs and cats and of course, all people. One of her favourite things to do is sit by the window watching all the critters at play. She loves her stuffies but never rips them apart...how good is that! She adores cuddling but also loves her walkies and car rides. She had a ball at her first GR picnic last year, frolicking with her 200+ cousins having the time of her life. And recently, she represented Golden Rescue on CP24 and was the perfect spokes-Golden. Yes, she is a perfect princess...and that's why we gave her that name.

Wan & Dan

MEET AND GREET**Reuben #4343**

Reuben is a smart, slightly stubborn, ball-obsessed Golden. He loves his ball and never misses a chance to bring it inside after outside playtime. He would never think of leaving it outside. He lives blissfully happily with his olden Golden brother, Oliver, and has brought out a playfulness we haven't seen in Oliver for a while. He plays a little roughly with our cat, Sammy, but he's gentle with him at the same time...but Sam gives it right back to him. We all laugh more since Reuben arrived. As playful as Reuben is, he is also an Olympic cuddler, who loves nothing more than snuggling up to his family in bed at night but he is not a bed hog. All you have to do is say, "Move over Reuben" and he instantly gives his mommy more room. How considerate is that?

Lisa & Mark

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