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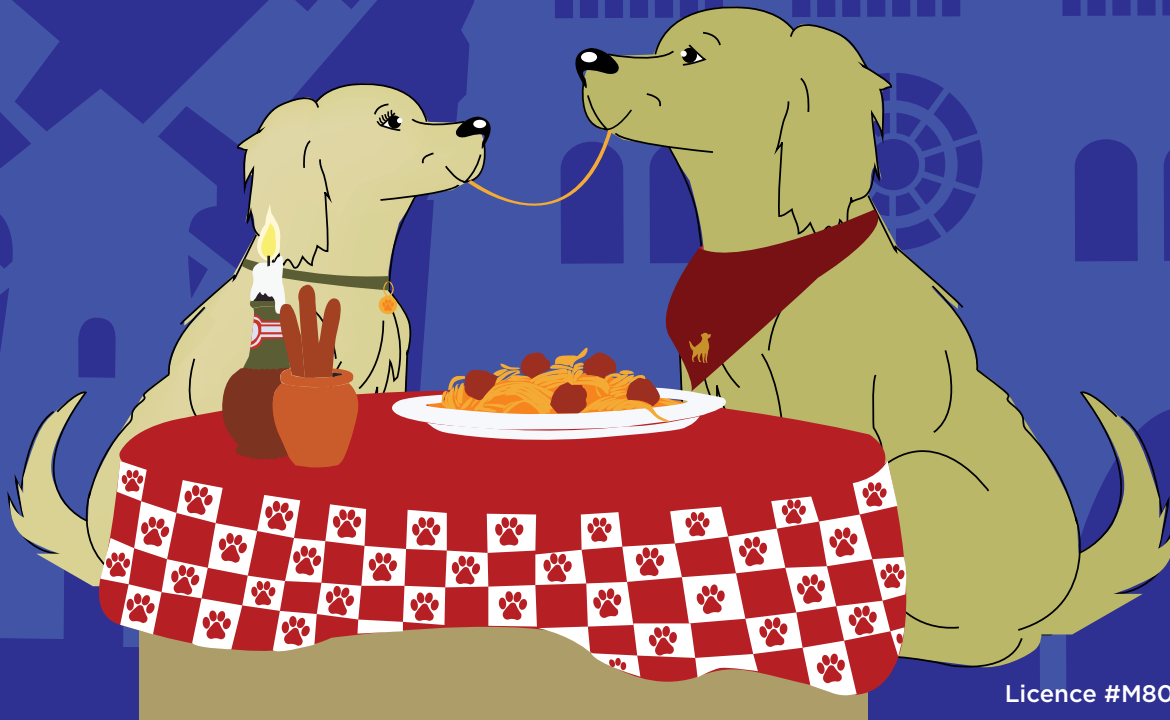
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Golden Rescue Mission Statement

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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On The Cover

Milo #3570 ~ When Milo arrived from Cairo, the first thing we noticed was that he was underweight. Consequently, he couldn't eat his food fast enough and he even got into some garbage on one of our walks (which consequently led to a vet visit in week three). Now, he sometimes leaves his kibble to see if something better might be on the menu, like leftover steak from mom and dad. We fattened him up so well that during our last visit to the vet, our doc said he should lose a pound or two, so now he's on a diet. At our cottage, Milo was terrified of getting into the lake. It took about two hours of coaxing before he finally dipped a paw into the water. Now, we cannot keep him out! As soon as we get to the cottage and open the car door, he heads for the lake. I think it's safe to say he has really embraced Canadian cottage life. For a street dog, he sure has learned to enjoy his creature comforts. He not only sleeps on our bed right between us but he insists on his own pillow. Oh Milo, you deserve all the comforts you can get. Milo was an integral part of our wedding day. He was up bright and early with mom and her girlfriends, getting hair and makeup done and being fed the occasional treat from brunch. He looked so cute in his tuxedo to match dad. Milo was given the task to greet all our guests at the church door. With his friendly nature and that beautiful smile, he did exceptionally well. Milo is the love of our lives.

Amanda & Kurt



MEET & GREET

Reba #4324 & Marty #4325

Meet our dynamic duo ~ Reba and Marty. This is an ode to our Cairo kids ~ a fabulous bonded pair who were two of the last Golden Retrievers that Golden Rescue was able to get out of Egypt before the ban. The mind boggles to think that these beauties could have been left behind. They settled into their Canadian life immediately and our adjustments have been minimal even though we all failed dog training. The command 'stay' simply has not worked! It might have to do with being squirrel obsessed. Reba has almost learned to climb trees in hot pursuit. They are great on walks and even helped us do a 177 km. walk for the Grey Bruce Hospice. Wow! That's quite a feat for two Cairo street dogs. It's great that they are paying it forward. We're happy to also announce that they are now true Canadians ~ they LOVE snow...but not as much as we love them.

Brenda & Lou



ADOPTION ALERT: COOPER #4423

Hello future family! My name is Cooper and while my vet records say I'm 2 years old, I've got an old soul. It's not because I was just fixed that I communicate in some groans and long stares ~ it's my normal MO. The only times my foster parents have seen me get loud is when I'm barking at other dogs, following my foster brother or helping protect my yard. When new people come over, I've loved meeting them and I'm quick to get lots of pets and cuddles. They all say I'm the SOFTEST dog ever! I could use some more practice on my leash because I sometimes pull, but I'm already getting better since I arrived in my foster home. When we meet other dogs on our walks, I get very protective of my pack so I'm going to need someone who has experience and can help me learn not to lunge, bark, and start a tussle. There are two other dogs where I'm staying and I've been good with them, especially the male around my age. We love playing with toys, chasing each other in the yard, and having a fun wrestle. Playing fetch is my favourite and my humans say I'm VERY good at it. I equally love chilling and cuddling on the couch. Sometimes I get treats when I sit or shake a paw. I'm trying to learn some other tricks but it's taking me a bit. I do know 'leave it' and 'off', which I've heard a few times while attempting counter surfing (I'm learning it's a no-no). I'm very good at going in and out of the car and sitting nicely and quietly while they drive. If you are an experienced dog owner ready to love and work with a good, sweet but slightly stubborn boy, I could be the soft, loyal, and loveable Golden for you.

Foster location: Edmonton, AB

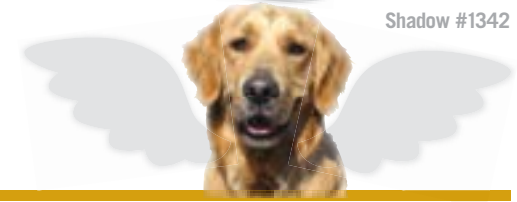


Can you open your heart and home to COOPER? He deserves to have a wonderful forever family to love him. If you're interested in adopting COOPER, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca.

If you're not in a position to adopt, please spread the word far and wide so we can find a family soon. Please forward his post to as many dog lovers as possible!

GOLDEN ANGELS

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



Shadow #1342

Liz Thorne

When Liz lost her beloved Golden Nel, she was heartbroken and felt the best way to honour her memory was to volunteer for GR. Liz has been an integral member of the Placement Admin team for several years. She has entered innumerable adoption applications, sent out hundreds of follow-up emails, and updated our adoption spreadsheet...all to ensure the placement team has the most up-to-date information possible so they can find the perfect match for our Golden. Liz simply excels at this. Liz also does many other things ~ is a monthly donor, does home visit, and most importantly, adopted her beautiful Demelza Annie #2592 (Demelza means 'my sweetness'). Liz's favourite thing in her vital role is following the journey of an applicant's application from initial submission to recording their adoption notice on the spreadsheet, knowing that another Golden has found their loving forever family. Thank you so much Liz for your passion and all that you do ~ you are a joy to work with.

*Thank You
Golden Angel!*



LIZ WITH ANNIE #2592

THE TRAINING CORNER



TO TREAT OR NOT TO TREAT

That is the question. But really, it's not! Did you know that you don't need to use treats to reward your Golden. Yes, that's right! Even when you're teaching your pooch a new word or how to do something. It's called Ditch the Bowl.

This is something we tell all our students. Now, what do we mean by ditch the bowl? It simply means stop feeding your dog out of a bowl and here's why...

Right now, if you're feeding your dog out of a bowl, they have an awesome relationship with their bowl. Think about it. You take out your dog's bowl and their eyes light up. You put their food into the bowl and they get super excited! It's their favourite time of day. In fact, they may have started bugging you about chow time before it's time to be fed. Dogs have incredible internal clocks.

Here's where it gets really interesting. You take that bowl of food and you place it on the floor... for free! You might have asked them to wait until you tell them it's okay to eat. But they still get that entire bowl of food for basically doing nothing. That kibble is currency. After all, you had to pay for it with your hard-earned money.

Let me ask you this...do you get your food for free? Probably not. You go to work so you can make money (or if you're retired, you use money

that you've already worked for), so you can go to the grocery store and buy food, where you then bring it home, put it away, take it out to cook it or mix it up into a salad, and place it on a plate where you then set it on your table and eat it. There was a whole lot of work that went into getting that food to your table. So, why not make your dog work for their food?

Granted, you can't make them go to work but you can give them a job or teach them something and instead of rewarding them with treats, reward them with their kibble. Dogs are learning all the time. The easiest way to let them know that they did something right is by rewarding them with their food.

Dogs do not have to be fed twice a day at the same time every day. In fact, feeding them smaller amounts throughout the day can benefit those dogs with tummy issues. The great thing about using their food to reward them is that you don't have to worry about your Golden gaining weight (something we know Golden retrievers are prone to). You simply take the amount you would normally feed them and use it for training or rewarding good behaviour.

If you don't use the entire amount that day, you can always do what's called 'scatter feeding'. This is when you take handfuls of food and toss it in a small area in your backyard for your dog to go

find or in a room in your house. Just be careful it doesn't roll under furniture because your pooch will become relentless at trying to figure out how to get it. Scatter feeding is also a great way to help calm your dog. It fuels their natural instinct to search for food or prey. You can also use a snuffle mat or puzzle toys. Puzzle toys or puzzle feeders stimulate their brain because they need to figure out how to get their food.

You also don't have to feed them exactly the same amount every day. It's all about it averaging out over the week. Do you eat the same amount of food every day? I know I don't. Some days I eat more, some days less and I often snack in between meals. I also don't eat at the same time every day. If you notice your dog gaining a little weight, then you cut back their food a little. If it seems they've lost too much weight, then you add a little more.

The great thing about ditching the bowl is that your dog no longer has a relationship with their bowl. Instead, they start to develop a much stronger relationship with you.

If you have a Golden that is not interested in their food (we don't see many, but I have encountered a few), scatter feeding or 'bowling' their food usually gets them engaged and eager to hunt for it, except in the case of an underlying medical condition. These are dogs that want to



work for their food. Placing it in a bowl is boring to them.

Here's another thing about using kibble for training ~ it's easier to wean them off kibble once they've learned the behaviour you want. How many of you have had a dog that will only do something if you have a treat in your hand? This is why we tell our students not to use treats for training ~ use their food.

The time when you may need to use treats or high value food is when you're out on a walk where there could be distractions or off leash where you need a solid recall. Kibble probably won't cut it in these situations because the environment is probably more interesting or exciting to your dog. If I was busy looking at something that I found interesting and Vaughan said, your salad's ready, I wouldn't be in a rush to get to it. But if he said he got me an ice cream cone, I'd be there in a flash. Not because the ice cream would melt, but

because I love ice cream. Here's the key thing about high value food ~ it's not what you consider to be high value, it's what your dog considers to be high value. Tula deems carrots to be high value. Augie would do anything for Goldfish crackers. For Star, it's apples. It's all in the eye of the beholder or rather the mouth of the Golden.

If you would like more information on ditching the bowl, please email me at info@whoswalkingwho.ca. I'll send you a great e-book from Absolute Dogs on Ditch the Bowl. They have two versions ~ one for kibble and one for raw diets. Let me know which version you would like and I'll send it to you.

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.



LINDA WITH AUGIE #2623, STAR & TULA

MEET & GREET

Bella #3088

Bella flew to Toronto from Istanbul in May 2019 and is living her best life in Collingwood, ON. She loves belly rubs, leaning on people she meets on her walks, and swimming in Georgian Bay. She has enjoyed many, many kilometers walking trails in Simcoe and Grey counties as well as some in Toronto. She loves holidays like Halloween and Easter (even though she's not allowed to have chocolate) but her favourite is watching sports on TV.

Lynn & David



HOT SPOTS

Hot spots are a very common skin condition we see in dogs especially during the summer months. The causes of hot spots can vary but they usually start with an area of red inflamed itchy skin that your dog will scratch and cause the affected area to become infected and spread quickly. Certain breeds tend to be predisposed. Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherds, and Rottweilers are over-represented when it comes to hot spots.



TREATING HOT SPOTS:

- Clip the hair from the affected area. Hot spots can be quite painful and your veterinarian may need to sedate your pet prior to this procedure.
- Clean the area with antibacterial soap (chlorhexidine) and rinse well.
- Your veterinarian will most likely dispense oral or topical antibiotics based on the severity of the hot spot.
- Anti-itch medication and/or an Elizabethan collar may be needed to prevent further scratching.

PREVENTING HOT SPOTS:

- If your dog gets wet, towel dry as best as possible. Trapped pockets of moisture in your dog's fur can become quite irritating and start a hot spot.
- Use proper external parasite control.
- Ensure proper and regular grooming.
- Ask your veterinarian or put together your own 'hot spot kit'. We supply these for our clients whose dogs spend a lot of time in the water and/or are exposed to insect bites.
- Supplementing Omega 3 fatty acids will help manage skin diseases.

The key to hot spot management is prevention. Try to avoid having your dog exposed to anything that might irritate their skin and if you do notice

a hot spot developing, take action immediately to avoid it from spreading.

By Dr. Scott Bainbridge

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DR. SCOTT BAINBRIDGE

Fostering Through My Eyes ~ Skye #4397

Even when the sky is filled with clouds, the sun still shines above. ~ Janet Donaghy

My name is Skye and I was given rescue number #4397 and I wear this number with great pride. My life before arriving in Golden Rescue's care was not good and I'm trying very hard to forget my past. Golden Rescue also took a leap of faith with me because they weren't given much information about me. My new life began the day a wonderful volunteer picked me up and drove me to my foster mom's home. It might have been the first time I was ever in a car and I loved it. The transport volunteer was so kind and friendly but he did seem to be pinching his nose a lot. Turns out that I didn't smell very good. My foster mom, Jane, was so welcoming when I arrived at her place and she thought I was really cute but she also said I smelled terrible. I was a bit insulted at first but before long, she was cutting out lumps of matted hair which were wrapped around clumps of feces and afterbirth...yuk! I must admit I felt better immediately but it got even better when she took me to the local pet store for a big luxurious bath. That was amazing! Not only did I smell sweet (even I noticed the difference) but I felt like a brand-new girl. Thank you, Jane!

Life was good and I was given a bed (I didn't know what a bed was) and it was inside her home and I was no longer living outside in the elements. Wow...such comfort! I didn't know life could be so good.

I've always loved my food but the food my foster mom gave me was particularly yummy and she



told me it was good for me. It only took me one day to learn to sit and wait until I heard the word 'okay' to start eating. I'm fine with that because if I sit pretty and patiently, my food comes regularly twice a day.

My previous life was not great but since Golden Rescue rescued me, everything has been perfect...my foster family...my new forever family...my food...my scent...my nice shiny coat... my very own dog bed...a couple of hundred snuggles every single day! Truly my entire life has changed and the sun has come out.



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DEAR APRIL

APRIL #3939

Hello and welcome back. I'm April #3939 and my family calls me the 'Cairo Princess' ~ how sweet is that! I hope you're enjoying 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

HELLO APRIL: I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN HAVING A GREAT SUMMER. I HAVE A QUESTION ~ I'VE HEARD THAT POTATO CHIP BAGS AND OTHER ASSORTED BAGS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS. IS THAT TRUE?
DOTTIE

Dear Dottie: This is happening every single day all over the world. Our mommy said my friends are putting their heads into potato chip and assorted snack bags to lick the crumbs. Our friends are taking them off counters, coffee tables, and from the garbage. They put their heads in the bag to lick the remnants. They try to breathe and the bag locks around their heads and they suffocate. It's imperative that we do not have access to all these bags. My mommy splits every empty bag and partial bags are closed tightly. Then the bags are placed where my friends and I can't retrieve them. It takes less than a minute to keep us safe.

DEAR APRIL: IS IT OKAY FOR US TO EAT GRAPES?
SOFIE

Hello Sofie: Can you believe that no grape or raisin is safe for us. I know, they are so good it's a shame. It doesn't matter if they are fresh, cooked, seedless, peeled, dried, juices, and of course jams. Even in small amounts, there are risks of kidney failure. Sofie, no grape product is safe for us. If you indulge in a few grapes, your human needs to call and discuss this with your vet.

HI APRIL: MY QUESTION TO YOU IS WHETHER YOU KNOW THE PROS AND CONS FOR USING A COLLAR OR HARNESS? BARNEY

Hello Barney: I did some research and this is what I've learned. My family's personal experience must be mentioned before we go any further. We use the collar. While we use the Martingale collar, that collar should never be left on while unattended ~ especially if you have a canine brother or sister in the family. My brothers each had a Martingale collar and were playing in the house. The collars/chains got entwined and my brothers were strangling each other. In a matter of seconds, one brother was rendered unconscious and the other brother panicked. Had my mommy not been there, we could have lost one or both of my brothers. The collar is a great training tool and it's a pleasure to wear on our daily walks. As for the harness, it's great and we certainly used it on my brother Jack after he damaged his esophagus from the Martingale episode. However, my other brother Harley ran after a squirrel wearing the harness and knocked his left shoulder out from the force of the pull. Here are just a few important tips. Collars are fantastic for better control, terrific for ID tags, and, if fitted properly, work well. For a small dog, one finger under the collar makes it comfortable and for our larger fur-friends, two fingers. If you

have a damaged throat, go to the harness. Be careful not to yank with great force. Please avoid so-called corrective collars like choke chains or prong collars as they can injure or cause pain and strangulation. As for a harness, its fit is paramount. Too tight and it can rub and hurt and too loose makes it easy to escape. The harness can train us not to pull. Another plus is that your human is not reaching under your legs to grab an entangled leash.

HI APRIL: A FEW OF MY PALS DRINK RIGHT OUT OF THE TOILET. I SAY 'YUCK' BUT IS IT OKAY?
CHARLIE

Hello Charlie: It's NOT a good idea to drink toilet water for so many reasons. I know you may be attracted to the cold water that looks clean and refreshing, after all the toilet bowl does look like a big drinking bowl. Charlie, it's not healthy! Toilet water can have bacteria, giardia, intestinal bacteria, parasites, chemicals, chemo-chemical residue, bleach, deadly sodium-hypochlorite, and many other harmful toxins. Toilet water can cause burns in and outside the mouth. The signs of toilet bowl poisoning are vomiting, drooling, redness in and around the mouth, and abdominal pain.

DEAR APRIL: I HAVE A SILLY QUESTION. I LIKE TO FOLLOW EVERY HUMAN TO THE BATHROOM. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? FAITH

Hi Faith: I SO understand that question ~ we are so alike in that regard. I do the same thing at every opportunity. I like going wherever people I like are and if danger is near, I can protect them. I like to go into the bathroom to remind my people that it's time for food or maybe a walk. I also love my ears rubbed and my chin scratched. It's my bonding moment and, in the bathroom, I have a captive audience.

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

Hello ~ here we are again or at least I am, as I sort of misplaced my roving mistress somehow. Do not be concerned as it is so temporary in this, our doghouse, and I am quite confident all is well. She has a knack of turning up unannounced. I don't mind if she doesn't interfere and is respectfully quiet.

I am concentrating and it's not always easy when she's about: chatting, complaining on or off the phone or practicing her music. Well, she plays or tries to play a couple of instruments but it's rather quaintly free-form and haphazard. Thankfully, the impetus and inspiration to create music is limited. It might be therapeutic for her, but can be tiresome and trying for yours truly. What would she think if I sang excessively! I can tell you I'd be smartly silenced. It's easy to tolerate when love is shared.

Anyway, I need to get on with it. I got side-tracked. Actually, I have a problem with this wee tendency to stray as I find a plethora of stuff I'm interested in, so distraction is familiar. I shall try to do my best here to concentrate as this was meant to be other than confounding. I'm the same outside on our walks ~ easily distracted with new, unfamiliar scents, dogs, and folks. I have had to bargain with my conscience concerning what topic best deserves attention.

Still, one never knows where ideas lead: they drag, insist, push, tantalize, commandeer, annoy, adhere, and otherwise incite the heart, the mind, and the sinews which are hard to ignore.

I am quite beside myself with furious uncontrolled feelings which I hope are momentary



for they are exhausting. Transferring these into words may be difficult to do with any semblance of dignity. Perhaps, I should wait until I'm calm and relaxed. But then that would keep you waiting. I shall not pussy-foot around any longer... something I've inherited from my fur-mom. The concerning issue is the vast number of dogs that are being left at rescue places.

I'm quite furious with people who have shown no foresight, no planning, no awareness, no empathy, no responsibility, no knowledge, no

concern when they first get a dog and later drop it off at a rescue establishment or dump them on the street. There are exceptions of course as sometimes life just takes an unexpected turn.

We have oodles of darling dogs awaiting adoption. So many are flooding adoption and rescue centres.

My fur-mom did explain to me the dire situation and I've heard about it on the radio too. I'm sure there are lots of lucky, happy critters like myself who feel sad knowing we have been adopted and other needy dogs have not. Such a sad situation. We wish it were within our capacity to lend a paw and remedy this call for adopters. I was so fortunate to be rescued by Golden Rescue and then adopted by my fair lady.

And she is not silent in her opinion, which happens to agree with mine, for she reiterates her views with regularity, and is quite vociferous in so doing. I've often been in attendance when she's delivered these nuggets. Not everyone understands, and offers their own argument, especially when overseas rescues are considered. I'm truly concerned she'll insult someone with her rhetoric. My personal rescue story is one of great fortune. I'd been missed, totally overlooked because I was a small delicate quiet girl prone to hiding in a corner. Another Golden couldn't come last minute and it was my lucky day. Golden Rescue had to rush find an immediate adopter that precipitated a call to my fur-mom who had been on a later list. Without hesitation, she replied, "Yes!"

But to continue, you have probably heard it: "Why adopt from abroad?" We both find the argument

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

unfounded because most often the person asking the question has not adopted anything. In my now dog-eared opinion, a rescue and adoption are just that ~ a soul is saved. It matters not from where. And why not “from there” as well as “from here”?

IT IS ONE WORLD.

I might apologize for being outspoken, but I am not. To finish up on a lighter note, my adorable adopter and I enjoyed a trip to visit her son’s family. It happens with the frequency of a blue moon. The pandemic did have something to do with that. As a preface, you should know we live a somewhat solitary and partly sedentary existence, so our foray to a cottage retreat was certainly an adventure. What we encountered upon completing our dog-mobile trip was less than placid, beginning with four dogs wagging their tails in

warm welcome. But I’m getting ahead of myself. On our way there, we decided to take a short-cut around the lake, which meant I’d be able to dash to an appropriate spot to relieve myself of accumulated fluid. You know what I mean!

Thankfully, we got lost only once. Pioneers, we are not. I’m afraid I must blame a lack of concentration on the driver’s part. I do not drive. The road was narrow, deserted, winding, and forested on both sides. My driver sighed and lamented that we were lost. Fortunately, a friendly truck driver was sensibly waved down. My chauffeur does not delay in turning strangers into friends and thusly obtaining directions. We were led back to our intended route with a smile and a toot.

In truth, we enjoyed our visit once I settled down and settled in to extended family activities which

translated to a hectic, fun cottage life exemplified by a family that loves dogs. It included four holidaying pre-schoolers who were the centre of attention and life in general. They displayed amazing control over their parents. One can get used to that mode of living ~ it may just take a while.

The best part for me were the four dogs and the friendly generous atmosphere. We must have done something right for we’ve been invited back. I hope my fur-mom and I venture outside our doghouse more often. I think it could grow on me. I’ll work on it and on her.

Thanks for tuning in. See you next time. Until then, paw shakes.

Annabelle #3257 🐾



MEET & GREET

Lou #4058

Lou is a handsome dude who came all the way from Turkey. Our well-travelled boy started his journey in Istanbul flying on to Vancouver. From there we took a ferry to Nanaimo. From Nanaimo, we went by car to a small boat that took us to our little island. After a well-deserved rest, our Turkish delight looked around in awe. We may be wrong; however, we’re pretty sure we’ve caught him pinching himself when he gets up in the morning, wondering how he got so lucky. We believe that we are the lucky ones.

Kerry & John

MEET & GREET

Mitch #4238

This amazing boy went from a Cairo street ragamuffin to a therapy dog in eight short months. He is now visiting hospitals, schools, retirement homes, assisted living centres, a female correction centre, and various other venues. He is comforting and putting smiles on the sick and less fortunate. We have had so many compliments from people who have met and heard Mitch's story. They are in disbelief that he has blossomed into such an angel. We couldn't be happier and prouder of our superstar.

Lyn & Naki



ADOPTION ALERT: 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 really smart, 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



Can you open your heart and home to RUDY? He deserves to have a wonderful forever family to love him. If you're interested in adopting RUDY, 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 a family soon. Please forward his post to as many dog lovers as possible!

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 your availability. **TELL YOUR FRIENDS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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 17th

Charlottetown Farmer's Market (woohoo...first event in PEI!) ~ 10 am – 3 pm

Sunday, September 23th

Louise Penny's 'Still Life' Live & Virtual Reading ~ Knowlton United Church (QC) ~ 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) ~ Fri 10 am – 5 pm ~ Sat 9 am – 6 pm ~ Sun 9 am – 3 pm

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.

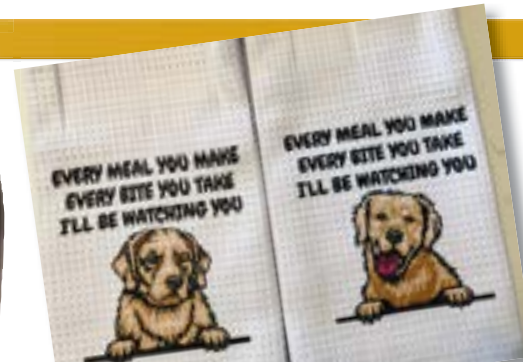
Third-Party Events

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!!!



Happy Shopping AT THE GR STORE

The move to Shopify has proven very successful and we have received nothing but positive feedback. If you haven't already checked it out, please have a look and if you have, keep checking as we are adding new merchandise constantly. For example, in June we added our very popular Golden Retriever flags (we will be adding a winter one soon). Just recently, we introduced ladies'

t-shirts and two newly designed garden stakes.

Please visit the GR store by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.

We would love to hear from you with any suggestions and ideas. Please email us at grstore@goldenrescue.ca.

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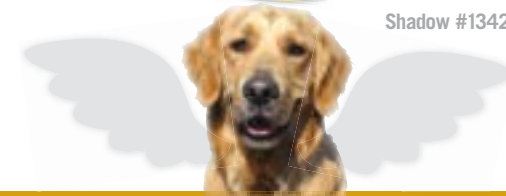
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GOLDEN ANGELS

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



Lynn Harding

Lynn is certainly the consummate Golden angel. Recently, she went above the call of duty in heading up a rescue team to find one of our escaped Golden Retrievers, Rocky #4472 (who is now named Kaladar). Lynn gained her experience as she had joined a Search & Rescue team in 2018 as her own Golden, Cello, was a flight risk so she wanted to understand how search and rescue works ~ lucky for us and Kaladar. She, and several other rescuers, did absolutely everything they could to find Kaladar and after two weeks of intense search (often until 4 a.m.), they were successful in finding him. Now, Lynn heads up GR's Search & Rescue needs and was involved in another search and rescue shortly after. Lynn and her husband Andrew have adopted Kaladar (very lucky boy), who lives happily with his new forever family with his siblings Cello #2556, Muppet #2607 (a special needs Golden), and Timbre. Lynn is passionate about rescue; however, what makes her so perfect for her role is her calm and positive outlook. We couldn't be happier to have Lynn in our corner.

*Thank You
Golden Angel!*



LYNN WITH CELLO #2556, MUPPET #2607 & TIMBRE



GOLDEN RESCUE PICNIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

10 am – 4:30 pm at Viamede Resort
595 Mt. Julian Viamede Road
Woodview (near Peterborough)



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

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

RESERVATIONS: Call 1.800.461.1946
or go to viamede.com.

PICNIC PROGRAM

- 10 am** **Main Street opens**
 - Ask the Trainer with Peter Brown of Alpha Paws
 - Raffle
 - Shutterpups Golden Photos
 - GR Store
 - Wishbone Lottery
 - Picnic 50-50
- 10 am** Leave It or Steal It Challenge
- 10:45 am** Hike with Ben and Cobalt #3707
- 10:45 am** Game ~ Pin the Tail on the Golden
- 11:30 am** Games-based training with *Who's Walking Who Dog Training* (Lynda Kitson)
- 11:30 am to 2 pm** ~ **BBQ Lunch**
- 12:30 pm** **Games**
 - Guess Your Golden
 - Musical Mats
- 1:30 pm** The Main Event & Variety Show
- 2:30 pm** Hike with Ben and Cobalt #3707
- 3:00 pm** Rainbow Bridge Memorial
- 3:30 pm** Best Dressed Contest
- 4:00 pm** Raffle & 50-50 winners announced
- 4:30 pm** Picnic ends ~ safe drive home!



CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS: The picnic has always been a success because of our volunteers. We need volunteers to help in a variety of areas (managing the gate, general store, raffle, games, etc.). If you can give us a few hours of your time, please email volunteer@goldenrescue.ca and put 'picnic' into the subject line. Thank you!

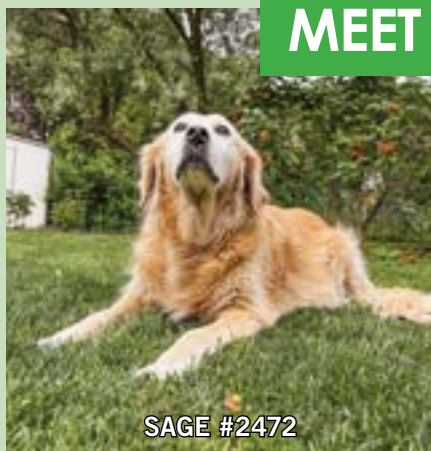
Mabel ~ The Purest Form of Love

Dear sweet Mabel #3476 came from Cairo. She has a spirit that literally glows and this glow touches everyone she meets. Her name 'Mabel' means 'loveable'. What a perfect name for our beautiful girl. It is obvious that she was trained and well-treated at some point, so heaven knows why and how she ended up in a shelter. She was born with hip dysplasia so this restricts her somewhat but she is a trooper. She even has mastered the ramp she uses to get in and out of the car. She is a superstar around the neighbourhood and she attracts everyone who sees her. Her spirit and loving nature make everyone she meets feel good ~ she has softened up a local construction guy with her smile and kisses, made a small boy whose mother was ill in the hospital feel better after a 'Mabel hug', and another small boy with tourette syndrome says that one hug and one lick from Mabel calms him down so he waits in the park every day to get his Mabel 'fix'. Mabel is the purest form of love ~ she is sweet and kind with a good sense of humour to boot. Her disability is a challenge as she wants so much to chase other dogs and run and play. Her spirit is greater than her disability and everyone she meets feels it.

Kathy & Cathy



MEET & GREET



SAGE #2472



VERDA #3185 & KING #4299

Sage #2472, Verda #3185 & King #4299

Meet our three beautiful Golden Rescue Golden Retrievers living happily together! Sage is the aloof grand dame of the pack. King is the gentle giant and sweet Verda is the newcomer who follows King everywhere. King and Verda play together a lot, always under Sage's watchful eye. After play time, the two of them take up the entire hall, stretching along the wall for frequent naps. King also insists on keeping Sage's face clean as he licks her constantly and she just lies there with her tail wagging. We're guessing she likes it. These three musketeers make Golden Rescue very proud and they are the epitome of the good work rescue does. And, of course, we think they are simply the best and we could not love them more!

Leona & Darrell

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*Thank You
 Retriever Believers*

Golden Retrievers are not bred to be guard dogs, and considering the size of their hearts and their irrepressible joy and life, they are less likely to bite than to bark, less likely to bark than to lick a hand in greeting. In spite of their size, they think they are lap dogs, and in spite of being dogs, they think they're also human, and nearly every human they meet is judged to have the potential to be a boon companion who might at any moment, cry, "Let's go!" and lead them on a great adventure.

Dean Koontz

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

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Adopted by Marina & Bruce

Arlo #4464

Adopted by Jordan

Benny #4483

Adopted by Erin & Trevor

Buddy #3835

Adopted by Marianne & Don

Buddy #4452

Adopted by Paula & Ian

Charley #4486

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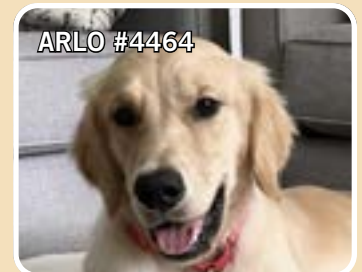
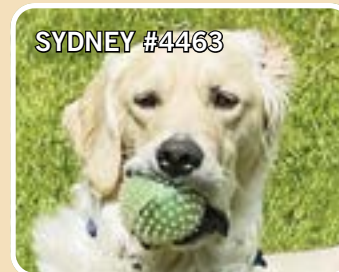
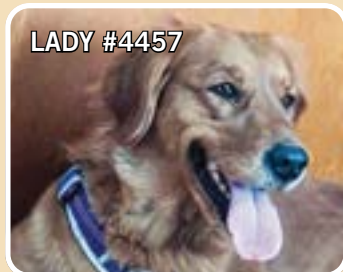
Adopted by Kelly & Wayne

Sydney #4463

Adopted by Andria & Albert

Tully #4447

Adopted by Shaughnessy





MAYA #4465



ANNIE #4467



KALADAR #4472



FARLEY #4476



KOBI #4478



PHOEBE #4479



BENNY #4483



CHARLEY #4486



DUGGY #4488

🐾 WELCOME HOME GOLDENS 🐾

MEET & GREET



Clark #4411

Clark, previously known as Kevin, is a wonderful Golden. He has happily settled into our home and with his Lab brother Lewis. How cute is that 'Lewis and Clark'? Not many dogs are named after famous explorers like Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Thank goodness we chose their last names though. Our boys do everything together and they are not exploring the Western U.S. but they're certainly exploring every inch of the Ottawa area where they share our home. Not long ago they delighted so many at the GR booth at the Ottawa Farmers Market. We cannot imagine our life without our boys.

Stacey & Charles

BUSTER THE MYTHBUSTER

BUSTER #4135



Debunking the Myth that the Rescue Adoption Process is ‘Too Difficult’

Woof-woof, human friends! Buster #4135, a.k.a. ‘Buster the Myth Buster’ is here to debunk another myth in my regular Golden Rescue column. Today, let’s tackle the misconception that adopting a Golden is too challenging of a process. Get ready to discover the truth and understand why it’s all worth it!

TODAY’S MYTH:

Adopting from a rescue organization is too difficult and time-consuming.

Let me bark the truth loud and clear. Adopting a Golden involves steps and requirements, but fear not, Golden Rescue’s got your back! They provide crystal-clear instructions and guidance to make your adoption journey smooth and joyful. Golden Rescue’s top priority is making the perfect match between an adopter and a Golden in need! They’re pros at finding true love between humans and the Golden in our charge.

The Golden Rescue matchmakers work around the clock to understand your preferences, living situation, and expectations in order to find the best family for our Golden and ensure the absolute perfect match for you and your family! They also need to make sure that you can provide a safe, loving, and caring haven for your new furry friend.

Golden Rescue’s dedicated volunteers will guide you through the process, answering any questions

you may have and providing support along the way. Rest assured, every step is conducted professionally and respects your privacy.

While the process may seem involved, it’s important to remember that it’s all done for a reason ~ to ensure a successful and harmonious match between you and your Golden!

The truth is, the adoption process is a small investment compared to the immeasurable joy and love you’ll receive in return.

So, let’s debunk the myth that adopting a Golden is a difficult and arduous process. Instead, embrace the truth that it’s a well-organized and supported journey, all aimed at finding the perfect Golden for you.

Stay tuned for more myth-busting adventures in Buster’s column. Together, let’s spread the truth about rescuing and Golden Rescue’s commitment to transforming lives ~ one adoption at a time!

Woofingly yours,

Buster #4135 ~ a proud rescue Golden 🐾



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GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“After closer inspection — they are either extremely uptight — or beamed down from Pluto.”

MEET & GREET



Clyde #3995

After living on the streets of Cairo, it took Clyde a while to understand that life was going to be very different in his new Canadian home. It became obvious that this poor boy had been starved at some point as his food guarding was extreme. So much so he even bit his new dad around his food bowl. With the help of GR's behaviourist and lots of love and patience, Clyde has finally realized that he's in a safe place where he would be fed every day. His food guarding has stopped and he has relaxed into his new environment. Clyde is now a two-year-old goofy and energetic boy in love with his new life. We sometimes call him 'Clydascope' because as they say: "Just like a true kaleidoscope that is made up from broken pieces, when put together and you view it, its true beauty is reflected back". That's our Clyde!

Maira & Doug

Leash your Connection

Your leash is not just a simple accessory. It is an extension of your arm and your connection to your dog, which allows you to communicate with and ensure the safety of your dog when out in public. That irresistible impulse that many of us dog lovers have when we bring our new pup home is to play and frolic with it off leash as we bond and build our relationship with this new family member. And while this is an excellent and extremely fun thing to do and one, I highly recommend, it's important to keep in mind the appropriate time and place to do this. I suggest for at least the first two years of your time spent with your new dog, you do it with your dog on a leash when out in public.

The general rule is to not off-leash your dog until they are at least two years old, which for a puppy is when it is past its teenage years.

Just like humans, teenage dogs are the most obstinate and disrespectful they will ever be, so true off leash really should start after that. For rescue dogs already older than two, spending the first six months to a year together and bonding with the leash on first and forming a strong relationship built on mutual love and respect is vital if you hope to successfully off leash your dog in the future. You want to be able to know for sure that they will come to you when you call, reliably and consistently, 100% of the time. And with a rescue dog you have the added dimension of the fact that you don't always know what it has been through in its past life. Neglected or abused dogs or even just dogs that have had several

different homes and been moved around a lot need to bond with their new owners first before you off leash them. And remember, there is a big difference between a dog willing to come to you in the house when you call and a dog willing to come to you out in public during distractions like a squirrel or another dog.

The danger of off leashing your dog too early is that it can result in that moment when everything goes from being great, to panic and thinking suddenly we have a major problem! It is crucial that you have built a relationship with your dog first where you know that they will come to you immediately when you call before you attempt off leash, especially in public. This is for their safety above all else. If you truly want your dog trained off leash then using a loose leash technique is a must! It's curious how many people feel like nothing bad will ever happen when they take their dog off leash. But trust is earned and your dog must earn your trust first. And while I believe in always leashing my dog when in public (unless I am in a very sparsely populated location with no other dogs around) if you want to off leash yours, then it's best to ensure your dog is flawless at recall on a loose leash first.

I find one of the best ways to test your dog off leash is in a fenced-in area. This can be tested first using a long line until you are confident in your dog's recall. Then practise with a leash dragging which will allow you to quickly grab the leash and direct your dog as needed while maintaining control and keeping everyone safe and happy. I like to use two leashes, one for outside and the other for inside so if one gets



peed on it won't be dragging through your living room. Also, if you find your dog is chewing through the leash then that means one of two things. Either you're holding the leash too tight or the dog is unsupervised. For safety, dogs on leashes should never be unsupervised.

Another great way to test your dogs off leash readiness is to take the opportunity on every walk (on leash) to call your dog when you see they are distracted. It's natural that at some point your

dog will see, hear or smell something and its ears will perk up as they become distracted. That moment is a great time to test your dog by first loosening off on the leash and calling them to see what happens. Do this at different times and for different distractions each time until you have tested your dog in every situation there is. You want to cover as many scenarios as possible so that you are ready for anything because there is no guarantee that your dog is going to truly listen to you in a dangerous or distracted environment until you have practiced and been successful numerous times. Then, both you and your dog will have the confidence you need to move forward together with off leash.

So, what about off-leash parks? Is it okay for me to off leash my dog there? My response is that off-leash parks can be positive or negative and it all depends on who is there. It is very important for you to be aware of the other dogs' body language as you enter the park so as not to expose your dog to aggressive or dominant dogs that may overwhelm or even attack your dog while at the park. It is for this reason that I try to avoid off-leash parks whenever I can. In theory, they are great but theories don't always work out. Off-leash parks tend to attract the worst type of dog owner like the guy who's had his German Shepherd in a crate for 10 hours and then drives to the off-leash park and lets it run loose where it proceeds to attack and/or dominate other dogs while he stands by with a glazed look on his face. Only when enough people yell at him about his unruly dog does he take it away and meanwhile, your dog remembers the lifelong trauma. When considering off leashing your dog, keep in mind



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

that there is no reason you cannot test your dog every day on leash for off leash ability. Let your dog prove to you that it can do off leash and set them up for success all around.

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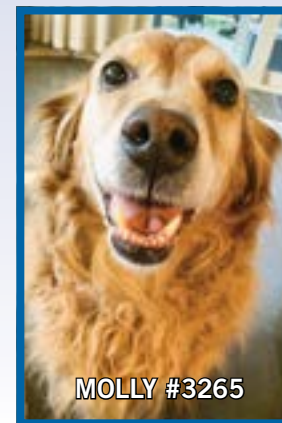


MEET & GREET

Molly #3265 & Daisy #4410

Molly came to us during Covid. She was a very skittish girl who spent most of her time on her new bed anxiously looking around trying to understand her surroundings. It didn't take her long to adjust to the backyard and then finally on her walkies. Today she is a sweet cuddle-bunny who loves visitors and does everything she can to discourage anyone from leaving. Her latest job is to help her new sister Daisy settle in with us. Although Daisy is still a work-in-progress, she has chosen Molly as her leader and follows her everywhere. With Molly's help, Daisy is turning into a sweet, sweet girl who loves every human and dog she meets. She also loves watching TV when she's not galivanting after Molly. Both girls are rays of sunshine and such wonderful additions to our home.

Deborah



MOLLY #3265



DAISY #4410

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?*

To give you an idea of what we would like in terms of a video, please click [here](#) to check out this sample video.

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!



SONNY #4297



RAMSES #4070

An event not to be missed...

LOUISE PENNY, renowned international novelist, is supporting Golden Rescue. Join us on this momentous occasion!

LIVE & VIRTUAL STAGED READING OF

LOUISE PENNY'S 'STILL LIFE'

Arranged for the stage by Eric Alexander

Saturday, September 23rd ~ 2 pm

Knowlton United Church
234 Knowlton Road
Knowlton, QC JOE 1V0

Tickets: \$25 (live or virtual)
~ on sale September 2nd

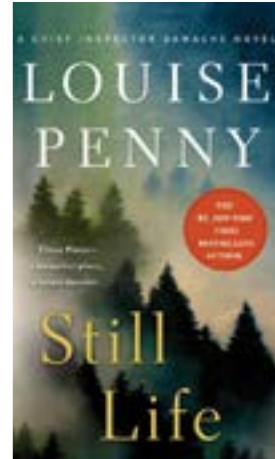
(Not recommended for children under 10)

Featuring Louise Penny as the Narrator
and Raymond Cloutier as
Chief Inspector Armand Gamache

**THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER
FOR GOLDEN RESCUE AND THE
KNOWLTON UNITED CHURCH.**

ABOUT LOUISE PENNY:

Louise Penny is a Canadian, multiple award-winning #1 New York Times bestselling novelist. Her mystery novels are set in Quebec and feature the work of francophone Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec. Louise's first career was as a radio broadcaster for the CBC. After she turned to writing, she won numerous awards for her work, including Agatha Awards for best mystery novel and Anthony Awards for best novels of the year. Her 18 Gamache mysteries, one novella, and State of Terror have been published in over 30 languages. State of Terror won international acclaim as a political-mystery novel written by former United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise. Louise lives outside a small village south of Montreal close to the American border. She shares her life and couch with her Golden, Muggins.



Visit Louise Penny's website [here](#).

Click [here](#) for tickets & information



LOUISE WITH MUGGINS

"The locals are certain it is a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul."

MAKING FUNDRAISING FUN!

I recently hosted a fundraising event at my local Pet Valu. The staff at the store were dedicated, hard-working professionals and a real pleasure to work with; however, the young people who came to help made it an absolute joy.

When organizing the event, I asked for volunteers to help, particularly high school kids who needed their community service hours. I wanted these types of helpers for several reasons, foremost getting youth involved in charity work and specifically Golden Rescue. We need to encourage the younger generation to come on board and take GR into the future. My selfish reason was to recapture the fun of youth...something I strive for all the time as a boomer. It has been really enlightening working with young people.

I may have been simply lucky but every youngster who came to help were bright-eyed, generous, and open-minded. Even at their young age, they have some amazing life stories and hopes, aspirations, and dreams.

Back to the actual reason for writing this. As you all know, Golden Rescue is 100% funded by donations so there is a constant need to raise money. Over the years, there have been many different types of fundraisers. Most of these events require a lot of volunteers and their Golden Retrievers, but quite by accident, or more likely karma doing its job, I stumbled across an amazing charity partner in my local Pet Valu store. I had a foster Golden who required constant baths with medicated shampoo. Sometimes we were there every day and, because of the compassionate people there, I was often given

free baths. They do have a frequent bathers club that rewards you every seven baths with a free one. Anyway, as part of the store's business plan, they want to work with local animal charities and they asked if Golden Rescue would like to participate. As I was elbow-deep into the bath, my immediate idea was to host a dog wash. The store set up everything ~ the towels for drying, variety of shampoos, and liver treats. They collect all the proceeds at the till so people don't have to have cash and if the dog owner wanted to donate more, they looked after all that stuff. This is something I'm now doing at least twice a year.

I do not know if any of you have a relationship with your local pet store to do something similar. I constantly network at any business I deal with on a regular basis looking for the next chance to work Golden Rescue into their business. I am working right now with my Nissan dealership for a possible car and dog wash.

Many of you know me as Santa Paws. Every Christmas, I work with my Pet Valu friends and we offer free photos with Santa for a donation. We have become much more sophisticated with taking the photos, the processing, and emailing...all with a professional photographer. But, we simply started with people using their own devices or a digital camera used by one of the staff. The Pet Valu store would post all the pictures on their Facebook page for people to print themselves. The best part about this fundraiser is, as Santa, I get to play with hundreds of dogs, cats, and other creatures. You cannot be afraid of anything because they come



in all different kinds...even some cold-blooded ones. If just a few more Santas were to come on board, the world would be a much better place.

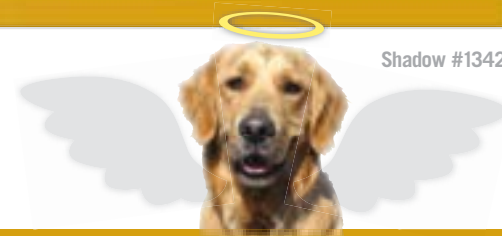
The important thing is that if you love Golden Rescue and would love to give something back, this is a great starting point. Believe me, it is a great feeling when you send in money you personally raised that will go to rescue another Golden in need.

I have written this article with the intention of inspiring others to step up and get involved...to give something back! You will be thankful you did.

By Grant Gillespie

GOLDEN ANGELS

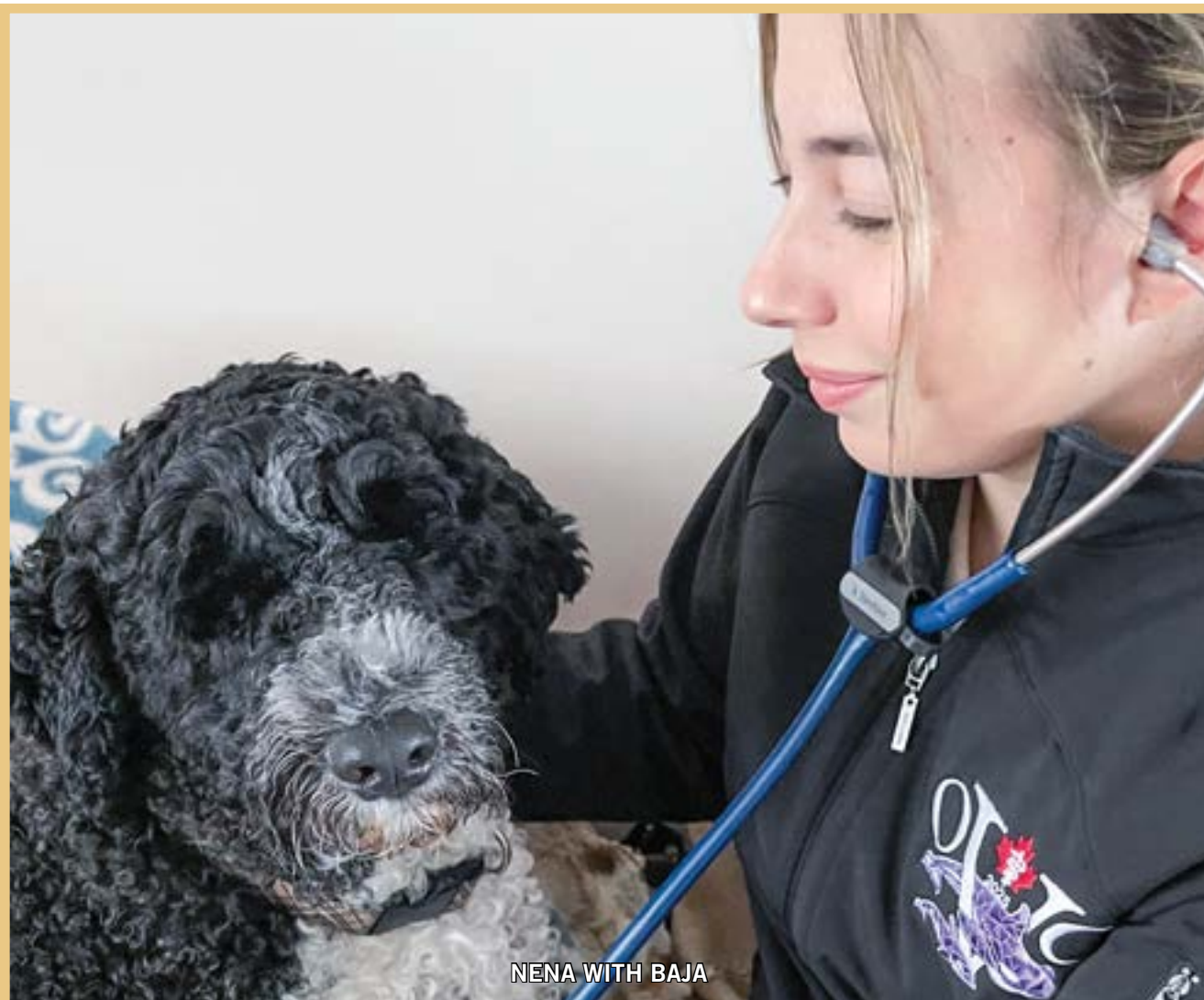
We'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Meet golden angels with golden hearts.



Nena Stanekovic

When the world came to a halt a few years ago, Nena wanted to do something useful with the extra time she had on her hands. She has always loved Goldens and knew Golden Rescue as a terrific organization that aligned with her values. With everyone stuck at home, Nena decided to help by creating virtual trivia nights to help fundraising and bring together Golden lovers throughout the pandemic. Soon after that, she helped run the 50-50 raffle and has really enjoyed calling winners to let them know how thankful we are for their donations. Nena started at GR when she was an undergraduate. She is now entering her third year of veterinary school. She plans on adopting one of our Goldens when she graduates. We're certain her adoption application will get top priority. Nena, you're a star with us!

*Thank You
Golden Angel!*



NENA WITH BAJA

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Hey, thought these were supposed to be the Dog Days of Summer!”



GOLDEN SMILE

Many Golden Retrievers are therapy dogs...but not officially. Most are freelancing!

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Golden Rescue

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Puppy Mills In Canada

Golden Rescue continues to advocate for an amendment to the CFIA ban; however, we also are trying to address issues closer to home ~ puppy mills. Below is an email that we sent to the CFIA, Santé Canada/Health Canada, and numerous MPs who are sympathetic to what we are hoping to accomplish.

On behalf of Golden Rescue, I wanted to share with you a recent article in the Toronto Star about the rise of inhumane puppy mills that exist throughout our country.

As you know, Golden Rescue has been working alongside a number of other rescue organizations to amend the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) ban on the import of rescue dogs, which has resulted in the torture and death of thousands of innocent animals around the globe.

Meanwhile, according to the report by the Toronto Star, "puppy mills are not banned by any provincial government. There are about 2,000 puppy mills across Canada, with the majority of mills in Ontario and Quebec." The lack of regulation around these mills is deeply concerning and it is unfortunate that the government has prioritized the abrupt and miscalculated halt of the work of international rescue organizations instead of working on the clearer and more direct challenges with puppy mills here in Canada.

We feel our request to amend the ban is not unreasonable as Golden Rescue is proud to have rescued over 2,000 Golden Retrievers without a single case of rabies. Further, a number of discussions with the CFIA about our process and proposed amendments to the ban have been both positive and encouraging, and we feel confident that we can follow our U.S. counterparts and build an amended system that allows for the safe rescue of animals.

The challenge, however, is the lack of urgency around implementing these changes. We firmly believe that we must work quickly on this to accomplish two things:

To allow rescue groups to help save the lives of suffering animals by allowing for a responsible and measured approach to rehoming these animals.

To lessen the reliance on puppy mills by enabling rescue organizations to rehome dogs which will, in turn, discourage online purchases from puppy mills.

Golden Rescue continues its willingness to support the CFIA in developing amendments that will allow for the safe rescue and rehoming of dogs and emphasizes the importance of moving forward quickly to minimize the devastation to animals around the world.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"OK, who's been playing with the thermostat again?"

ADOPTION ALERT: TWINKLE #4242

Hi everyone! My name is Twinkle and I'm 1.5 years old. With a name like Twinkle, you've probably surmised that I'm a female...although you can't take that to the bank as I've seen some pretty strange gender names (a boy named 'Sue' is one of them). I have been staying with my guru teacher who is showing me the ropes. I used to guard my prized toy possessions; however, my wonderful teacher has taught me 'drop it' so that issue has been resolved. I also needed some leash training but a 'gentle leader' fixed me up pretty well. I also loved counter-surfing and I've been told that is a no-no. Drats ~ I really liked that activity! I absolutely love people but I can be grumpy with other dogs so GR is suggesting I go to a home with no other dogs or cats. I have lots of energy so if you're an active family, I might just be the girl for you. I love being cuddled and made a fuss over but my back end and paws are sensitive so best pet the other areas. So, for several reasons, including this one, it's best for me not to live with children. I am not afraid of loud noises and you can leave me alone if you have to out without me. The doc says I'm healthy, except I can be prone to skin and ear infections from time to time. Here's what my fabulous foster/teacher says about me: "Twinkle is an energetic girl, full of joy with a pure love of people and life. It is important that a new family continues to reinforce her training as she has done so well that we can't let this slip." Yup...I have been taught so much lately and humans seem to love the 'new me' so I sure want these new habits of mine to persist so people will love me, which is my absolute favourite thing. So, to finish in a very cheesy way: Twinkle, twinkle little star! 'Twinkle' that's me but I'm also a 'star'! **Foster location:** Newmarket, ON



Can you open your heart and home to TWINKLE? He deserves to have a wonderful forever family to love him. If you're interested in adopting TWINKLE, 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 a family soon. Please forward his post to as many dog lovers as possible!

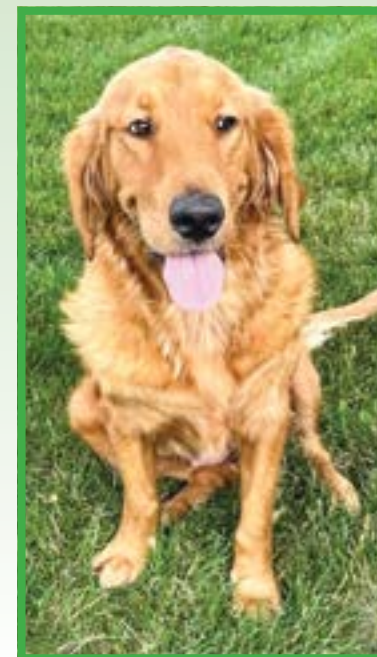
MEET & GREET

Ellie #4125

Ellie ran down the ramp at Pearson's cargo bay and into our lives like she was meant to be with us. While Ellie made herself at home right away, we've seen her quirky, goofy, and loving personality come out more and more as months have gone by. Ellie has enjoyed exploring her new neighbourhood and meeting many new friends. She has made herself a fixture at mom's office on Fridays, visiting each office to say hi to all her friends and get belly rubs and treats. Ellie has a lifetime of adventures to look forward to and tons of love to give... and receive!

While waiting in the parking lot that day in July, we could have never imagined how much our lives were about to change. We are forever grateful to Golden Rescue and their many volunteers for connecting us with Ellie...the love of our life.

Ashley & Daryl



50-50 FALL 2023 EDITION

Watch for our 'GOLDEN AUTUMN LEAVES' 50-50 Online Cash Lottery

Our next 50-50 Cash Lottery starts on September 5th ~ don't miss out on any of our Early Bird draws. For this draw, we have six fabulous Early Bird prizes.

YES! You can win both an Early Bird AND the Jackpot! No sooner had we notified Brenda Griffiths-Nanacsik that she had won our \$100 Amazon gift card in the Early Bird draw, we were calling her again to share the good news that she had just won the JACKPOT!



HERE IS WHAT BRENDA SHARED WITH US:

Dear Golden Rescue,

Thank you for drawing my number in the 50-50 draw. I was so very surprised to get the call that I was the grand prize winner! We have been supporters of Golden Rescue since 2003 and have adopted three times from this hard-working organization ~ Brody #385, Stanley (Stan the Man) #1864, and more recently, Lucas #3421, who shares his home with his Golden sister, Ivy. Winning the grand prize was a great windfall for us, but more importantly, it means that more Golden Retrievers can be helped for a second chance at a good life. And that's what it's all about. Thank you Golden Rescue for all you do for these precious souls.

Brenda Griffiths-Nanacsik



BRENDA, LUCAS #3421 & IVY

Some clarification about our Rules of Play:

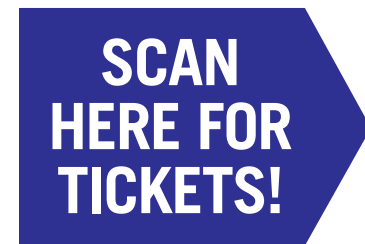
We have had a number of inquiries about why our 50-50 is limited to Ontario. The AGCO's (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario) rules and regulations for our raffle licence stipulate that we can only sell tickets in Ontario. So, the ticket purchaser MUST be in Ontario at the time of purchase. You can, however, purchase a ticket for someone outside the province, for example, as a gift. For more details, please feel free to email us at 5050@goldenrescue.ca. Complete rules are posted online at www.goldenrescue5050.ca.

Lottery License #RAF1296981 (open to Ontario residents only)

Once again, we would like to show our appreciation to our previous sponsors, Media Street Productions and the Oshawa Markets.



Want to be featured as a sponsor for our 50/50? For a minimum of \$500, your business logo (linked to your website) will be featured on our [50/50 website](http://www.goldenrescue5050.ca) PLUS in all of our 50-50 eblasts for at least six months! AND, you can write that off as a business expense for advertising! How great is that? [Email us](mailto:5050@goldenrescue.ca) for more information.



RESCUE IS A DAUNTING TASK!



GOLDENS NEED ADVOCATES TOO...

and that's YOU! By supporting Golden Rescue, you are making a life-saving difference.

Giving a Golden in need the opportunity for a second chance creates two separate but equally difficult challenges:

The will of a group of people dedicated to helping Golden Retrievers ~ this is certainly all of us together!

The financial resources to make it happen ~ it costs an average of \$2,000 to put each Golden through our program.

With one-time and monthly donation options, let's make sure we leave **NO GOLDEN BEHIND!**

Click [HERE](#)
to donate!