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SAUBLE #3582 & MAVERICK #4443



Happy New Year!

ADOPTION ALERTS

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DIG DEEP INTO YOUR HEARTS ~ THEY DESPERATELY NEED FAMILIES

Each of these Golden Retrievers are amazing in their own way. Yes, they have their foibles, but don't we all? Please read their bios and help us find them forever families.

Believe us, they will pay you back with love and gratitude forever!

Please forward this to anyone you think might be interested in adopting ~ all of us together can make an impact on their lives and future happiness!

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Happy Reading!



ON THE COVER

Sauble #3582 & Maverick #4443 ~ Sauble came from Cairo in 2021 and it took him a bit of time to adjust to our home as we suspect he never lived in a home before. We adopted Maverick last year and he settled immediately. Maverick, who is Canadian, is not a fan of the snow while our Egyptian boy loves it. Although they disagree about the merits of snow, they agree about everything else, including their love for each other. Our girls love the boys who they love to cuddle. Sauble and Maverick love nothing more than being with all of us. We are so happy to have both of them in our family. **Sheri & Collin**



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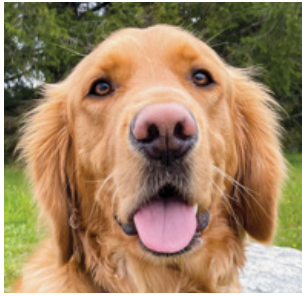
The ever-popular Guardian is now MONTHLY

Golden Rescue is publishing the Guardian monthly starting with this issue. This will allow our supporters to get fresh information about our work and our Golden Retrievers more often. It will also make for an easier read. The last edition was 41 pages ~ a lot (maybe too much) to read. By doing it monthly, it'll be much shorter. Many of our regular features will be appearing on rotation.

We are super excited ~ hope you continue to enjoy it even more!



"I think they like the new monthly Guardian!"



BUSTER

THE
MYTHBUSTER

BUSTER #4135

Hi friends! I'm Buster, your go-to truth-sniffer. Welcome to another edition of my column where we're about to shed light on a myth that needs some serious debunking ~ the notion that bringing a Golden into your life is an affordable stroll in the park.

TODAY'S MYTH: Welcoming a Golden into your life is budget friendly

Let's dive into this bone of contention, shall we?

Some might think that all we need is a bowl of kibble and a scratch behind the ears; however, there's a lot more to it than meets the eye! Allow me to give you a sneak peek into the pawsibilities.

First up, quality chow. For a cuddly Golden like me, it's a must. And at around a hundred bones a month, it can make your wallet a bit lighter.

Next up, let's dive into the health check hustle. Routine vet visits, blood tests, vaccines, and preventive measures against pesky pests like fleas and ticks can tally up to hundreds of bones annually. But this investment is a must! It ensures we're in tip-top shape and gives you peace of mind, knowing we're healthy and happy.

Dazzling dental care might seem a tad extravagant, coming in at a couple of thousand bones per procedure, but consider it a necessary expense. A gleaming, healthy smile isn't just for show ~ it's a shining sign of overall well-being.

Then there are the wellness woes. Minor health issues like ear infections or occasional digestive troubles (likely due to dietary indiscretions) can crop up, costing a few hundred bones per vet visit. It's all part of the package!

In more severe situations, like emergency care, specialized diagnostics, surgeries, or hospitalizations, the expenses can skyrocket into the thousands or even tens of thousands of bones! While the likelihood is low, being prepared is key.

For these extreme situations, considering pet insurance for us is undoubtedly a smart move. It's like a magical safety net, providing valuable and even life-saving benefits. Now, let's delve into some important tidbits about pet insurance:

Remember that the monthly costs and deductibles add to your overall financial commitment.

Some insurance plans may have an annual limit, limiting coverage and potentially leaving you in a sticky situation when we need help the most.

For Golden oldies, insurance might come with additional costs and certain limitations. And for us rescued Golden with unknown medical histories, it adds its own considerations and potential risks.

My advice? Have a friendly chat with your trusted vet and ask Google for some pet insurance intel. Pet insurance can be a great option that can truly save lives, but you'll need all the necessary facts to make a well-informed decision.

Grooming is another expense to consider. A spa day keeps us looking fabulous, and it comes at a cost ~ a couple of hundred bones per visit, to be precise. Whether it's a trim, a bath or a stylish paw-dicure, these grooming sessions contribute to our overall well-being.

Playtime perks are the extra goodies that make life with us an adventure. Toys, treats, puzzles, chews, obedience classes, and agility courses. These are the little joys that keep us mentally and physically engaged and increase the bond with our humans. Costs can vary widely depending on preferences and choices.

So, dear human friends, bringing a Golden into your life isn't just a matter of paws and play. It's a commitment that requires a lot of financial planning. Every bone spent is repaid with interest in tail wags, sloppy kisses, and a bond that's unbreakable! So, let's debunk this myth and celebrate the true value of sharing your life with a Golden!

Thanks for joining me on this financial fetch and stay tuned for more pup-tastic truths in the next edition of Buster's MythBuster!

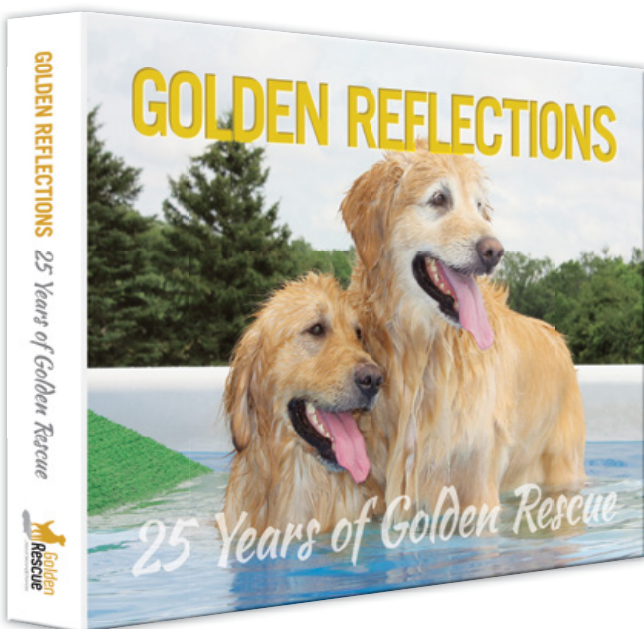
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Buster #4135 ~ a proud rescue Golden 🐾



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MEET & GREET



Harvey #3946

Harvey has been with me for over a year now and life together could not be better. We are truly best friends and I think of him as the most incredible boy ever ~ so happy, handsome, and sweet. I am so grateful to have Harvey in my life.

Bryden

MEET & GREET

Barney #3925

When Barney originally arrived into foster care from Istanbul, he was pretty beat up, scarred, and bewildered. It didn't take him long to realize that life in Canada was good. I met Barney by coincidence as I was actually looking for a Black Lab. My daughter, however, having met Barney, convinced me to meet this lovely boy. I was not convinced but Barney had other ideas as he wouldn't let me leave the foster's living room, barring my exit. A few days later, I reached out to the foster to inquire if my extended family could meet Barney, as they were potential back-up caregivers. Following that gathering, Barney made his preference abundantly clear ~ he had unequivocally chosen me as his family. He leaned against my legs and planted himself on my feet. He even hopped into my truck, adamantly refusing to get out. There was no doubt Barney had chosen me. Today, we are inseparable. It's such a wonderful love story.

Sandy



Saying Good-Bye

"It is easier to believe that we are always responsible (if only I had done/not done this one thing) than it is to accept this painful truth ~ we are not in control of the world. Stuff happens. Bad stuff. As brilliant and responsible and hard-working and control-freaky that we are, sometimes bad stuff just happens. Good people die when they shouldn't. Gorgeous dogs brimming with health, except for that tumour or those crappy kidneys, die long before their time. Dogs who are otherwise healthy, but are a severe health risk to others, end up being put down. It's not fair, it's not right, and it hurts like hell. But please, please...if you've moved heaven and earth to save a dog and haven't been able to, just remember ~ stuff happens. We can't control everything. You didn't fail. You tried as hard as you could. It's okay." Love, Guilt & Putting Dogs Down" by Patricia McConnell

As animal lovers, pet parents, and animal welfare/health professionals, we are faced with the reality of euthanasia. A heartbreaking decision and we feel deep sorrow, regardless of the cause, whether it be medical or behavioural. This is especially true for all of us at Golden Rescue. So, whether you are an adopter, foster, behaviourist, veterinarian or transport, home visit, placement, events, store or picnic volunteer, here are some tips from those working in animal shelters about dealing with the emotional stress of having to say good-bye:

- vent your feelings ~ cry, talk, put pen to paper...be honest acknowledging how you feel
- do not become uncaring ~ do not build up a wall
- sometimes euthanasia is the best option
- take it slow
- don't blame yourself

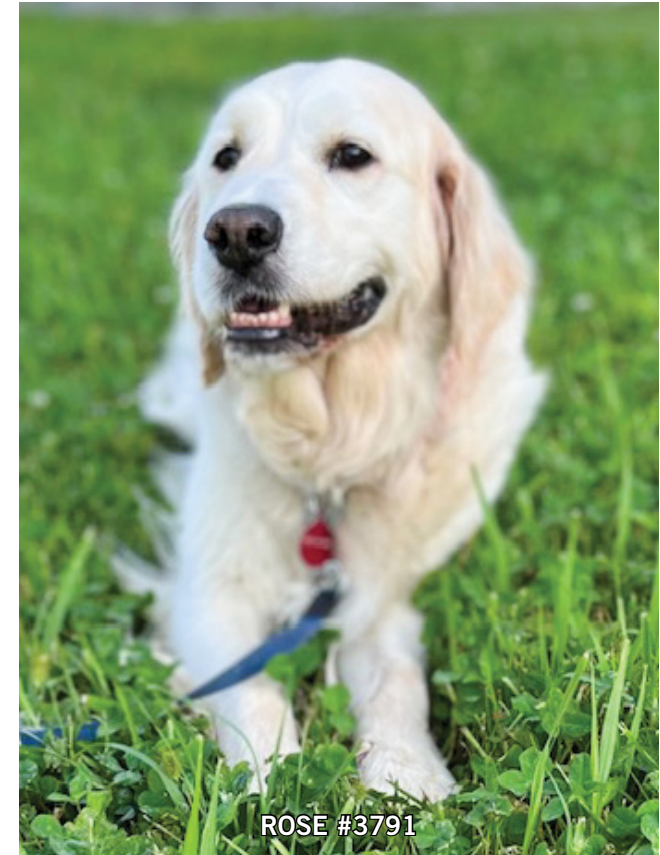
- focus on the good stuff
- promote responsible pet ownership
- meditate, pray or reflect
- take a break
- volunteer

I was drawn to Golden Rescue shortly after the death of our Golden, Pearl, in 2016. Every day for over a year when opening the front door, I expected to see her smiling face and wagging tail. The sadness was also physical ~ my heart ached. I felt guilty as my feelings were more dramatic than the loss of a person. Pearl was an integral part of our lives ~ from puppy troubles to senior moments.

Volunteering with Golden Rescue has truly helped, especially with every communication with the other volunteers. Most had similar experiences. I was not crazy or unreasonable... there are so many others with the same grief.

Fostering was an incredible milestone. We were not ready for another dog but we were blessed to help a dog transition to their new home. Being a part of their second chance is incredible. We have learned so much about animal behaviour (counter surfing, leash biting, car avoidance) and variety of health issues. Also, the challenge when one could not be saved. I've loved every foster and have been ecstatic when we hear from their forever families with updates.

Then we had a foster fail. Rose #3791 came into our lives after having terrible experiences as a puppy mill breeder. She had mange and seizures and would walk in circles. This time, there was



ROSE #3791

no other home than ours. We knew that she would not live long so we were determined to make her remaining time happy and peaceful. Her passing 1.5 years later brought the same feelings of loss and emptiness but it also gave us an incredible thankfulness.

THANK YOU to everyone associated with Golden Rescue. It is sad that dogs' lives are too short; however, there is so much love for us to appreciate.

By Janet Whitty ~ Volunteer

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Hallelujah...finally, PUPPY MILL LEGISLATION with some teeth...

Ontario has recently passed important puppy mill legislation that actually might curb the horrific puppy mill activities currently operating throughout Ontario. Read the CBC article [here...](#) and let's hope it's enforced and that other provinces follow suit.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“YIKES – I’m outta here!”

CFIA BAN UPDATE

In our ongoing efforts to amend the CFIA ban on international dog rescue, your support is a beacon of hope. While there is little new to report, your dedication remains our driving force.

Our team is actively working on forthcoming initiatives to shine a spotlight on the CFIA ban, ensuring it receives the attention necessary for meaningful change. Stay tuned to our social media pages and your emails for e-blasts, updates, and calls-to-action. Your active participation is crucial, and we cannot continue this fight without you.

On a brighter note, we are excited to share that the ‘International Rescue Mission of Love’ page on our website has been updated with numerous heartfelt testimonials from international adopters – click [HERE](#).

These stories capture the joy that our international rescue Golden Retrievers bring into their adopters’ lives. The age-old question, “who rescued who?” echoes through these stories, emphasizing the inseparable bond formed.

Adopters express their inability to imagine life without their international rescues, and they highlight the impeccable organization of the international adoption process, coupled with stringent health protocols. Some testimonials touch on the devastation felt due to the CFIA ban. We invite you to read and, more importantly, share these powerful testimonials. By doing so, you contribute to raising awareness and amplifying our collective voice.

As always, your ideas and input are invaluable to us. If you have any suggestions or thoughts on how we can enhance our advocacy efforts, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at communications@goldenrescue.ca. Your perspective helps shape the trajectory of our mission. Thank you once again for your support and dedication to this cause. We are grateful for each and every one of you.

Yours in rescue,

Golden Rescue Board of Directors

EXCITING NEWS:

Louise Penny is Golden Rescue's New Spokesperson!

We are thrilled to announce that **Louise Penny**, critically acclaimed author and the genius behind Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, has stepped into the spotlight as the official spokesperson for Golden Rescue!

Louise has a special fondness for Golden Retrievers and her own Golden companion, the charismatic Muggins effortlessly steals the show with her irresistible Golden charm.

In September, Louise hosted a virtual fundraiser, rallying 500+ attendees to raise an incredible \$15,000 ~ a sum matched by Louise herself. A record-breaking day in support of Golden Rescue!

Louise's love for Goldens, passion for rescue, and boundless generosity make us incredibly fortunate to welcome her to our team.

Join us in celebrating this remarkable collaboration as we embark on a Golden journey together!

Read more about Louise [here](#)!



LOUISE WITH MUGGINS

GOLDEN ANGELS

We'd like to recognize an outstanding volunteer. Meet this golden angel with a golden heart!



Shadow #1342

Andrew Dawes

Andrew has been a Golden Rescue foster, adopter, supporter, and sponsor for more than 20 years. After losing his first Golden at the age of seven, he was introduced to Golden Rescue and thought fostering might be the perfect way to fill the void created by his loss. Since then, we have lost count on the number of Golden Retrievers Andrew has fostered. We know it's well over 20. He says his second Golden Molly #910 did more for his fosters to make them feel comfortable than he ever could. We're sure Molly was great but Andrew is one of our foster superstars. There have been many memorable moments; however, one in particular was the joy he had of fostering Maya, a puppy mill mom, who arrived at age five with no name, matted, and caked with filth, who had never seen a toy and only called a metal cage home. In spite of her age, she had a beautiful soul and eventually became the Golden she was meant to be. More recently, Andrew adopted little Hunter #3526, a Cairo street girl who had never had a full belly in five years of living. Her main interests are looking for food, begging for treats, chasing squirrels, and scrapping with the big dogs. Andrew also helps with transports whenever needed. Yes, Andrew is a true Golden Angel and we cannot thank him enough for his passion, compassion, and dedication.



ANDREW & FRIENDS



WE'RE DESPERATE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES!



Here's what veteran foster, Andrew Dawes, says about fostering:

"Foster Golden Retrievers often arrive confused or disoriented but it's amazing how quickly they adapt to new surroundings and routines. To witness a discarded puppy mill mom transform into a perfect family pet in a short while is more than rewarding... it's uplifting! Who wouldn't want to witness this? Yes, the Golden Retrievers are getting their second chance but we humans are the real beneficiaries. Foster today ~ it's a decision you won't regret!"

Please fill out a foster application [here](#) – or scan the QR code.

MEET & GREET

Maverick #4521

Maverick, a beautiful little 10-week-old pup, joined our family last August. Along with his fur-siblings, Abby and Bentley, they formed the newest three musketeers as they hit it off immediately. It is heartwarming to watch him grow and develop before our very eyes. He is a quick learner and eager to please and he loves absolutely everyone. The joy we experience with all of them every single day is immeasurable. We think we lucked out with this special boy and we're certain that Maverick is woofing the very same sentiment.

Laurie & Brad



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When Life Began for Me

I watched her watching me until my eyes closed and I nodded off finding peace in sleep. And from then on I knew trust, respect, and love had entered my life. It had just been shown me by my very own fur-mom that I'd found my forever home. I then felt content and consoled and became the sweet Golden I was always meant to be. My name is Annabelle given me upon arrival in my adopted Canada. And I opened my eyes to find my dream had come true. My human smiled and we cuddled while our hearts were joined forever in a land where life and love began.

Annabelle #3247



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

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Bailey #4573

Adopted by Kendra & Jim

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Adopted by Ashley & Cameron

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Casey #4512

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Charcoal #4040

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Adopted by Karen & Roy

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Gunner #4532 & Marley #4533

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Moon #4589

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Onyx #4595

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Phoebe #4500

Adopted by Ginger & Tony

Pickles #4558

Adopted by Alexandra & Ross

Piper #4529

Adopted by Albert

Pogo #4587

Adopted by Susan & Ilan

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Adopted by Melissa

Winston #4548

Adopted by Erin & Andy

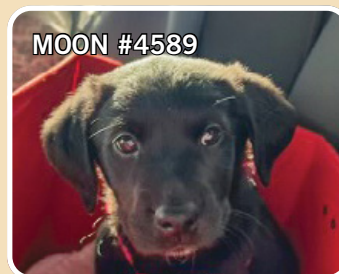
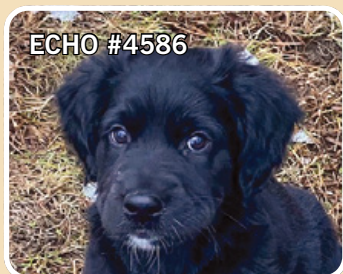
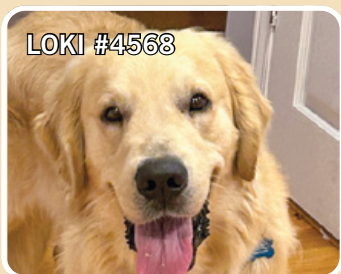
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