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BEAU #4562



ARE YOU A *golden retriever* BELIEVER?



WISHBONE LOTTERY WINNERS & THANKS!

Hi everyone. I'm Charlie #2200, the intrepid leader of the Golden Lottery Team. Do you nose how much we love you all? Yes, our lives would be ruff without you! I'm here to tell you who the winners are of this year's Wishbone Lottery. We didn't sell out; however, we did pretty well (we sold 4,077 tickets) and we netted around \$120,000. And all of it...every single cent will go to caring for our future Golden Retrievers.

We are so happy for all the winners and if you'd like to take me along for the dinner, you can reach me at charlie@foodplease.ca. And if you didn't win, worry not, there's always next time!

There are so many people to thank, I'm not sure where to start. I'll start with my own fabulous committee ~ Rudy #3837, Hunter #2897, and Bo #4396. **A HUGE, GIGANTIC, MONUMENTAL** thank you to all our ticket sellers. Without you, our lottery would not exist as you are the lifeblood of the lottery. To all of you who bought tickets, thank you! And we owe a very big thank you to the human lottery committee. So, on behalf of us and the board of directors, we thank Cynthia, Carol, Jude, Kathy, Amanda, Heather, Candace, Kate, and Chelsea...and all their furbabies!

And many thanks to the Township of Springwater. They have been so supportive and we appreciate it. Thank you to Mayor Jennifer Coughlin for drawing the winning tickets.



Charlie #2200



L-R ~ Viive, Iain, Lois, Springwater Mayor Jennifer Coughlin, Vanessa, John with Kili #4171, Garci, Charlie #2200, Bo #4396 & Hughie #2047

**Thank you again everyone ~
we are so grateful to all of you!**

WOOF-WOOF!



WINNERS...

GRAND PRIZE
\$30,000 Travel Voucher
+ \$1,000 cash

DAN STANTON
TICKET #1279

2ND PRIZE
\$5,000 Travel Voucher
+ \$2,000 cash

GORDON WALSH
TICKET #585

3RD PRIZE
\$2,000 Viamede Resort
Gift Certificate

JEAN HEDGER
TICKET #581

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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

Beau #4562 ~ Beau came into the GR program in pretty bad shape and was scared of everything. It didn't take this lovely boy long, however, to see that he was safe and loved in this new world he found himself in. Nothing could prepare us for the instant love and happiness he showed everyone. He has an infectious smile and loves playing in the park and flipping onto his back for belly rubs. He's a super couch snuggler and he makes us smile and laugh constantly. It's truly amazing to see how far he has come in a few short months. We look forward to many years of happiness with this gem of a boy.

Deanna & Matt

Past, Present & Future

Read past issues and stories any time! All the Guardian issues since 2013 are on our website and we will continue to add each issue from now on. So, if you'd like to read past issues, please click [here](#).

HAPPY READING!



WE'RE DESPERATE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES!

Here's what fosters, Alyssa and David, say about fostering:

"In the past year, we have fostered four Golden Retrievers ~ all different, with their own unique challenges to overcome. What is truly wonderful about fostering is that you learn together. Supported by the Golden Rescue community, you are never alone and always part of a team. Fostering is not easy ~ it requires dedication and patience. However, welcoming a Golden into your home, surrendered from the only life they have ever known, who may have faced challenges and defeat, is the most rewarding feeling. Acting as the bridge from their old life to their new life and helping them through this pivotal time, is a selfless gift. Fostering is a short-term commitment with a long-lasting impact. Go on, foster a Golden!" **Alyssa & David, ON**



ALYSSA & DAVID WITH JEAN #4433 & FOSTER SIBLINGS

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Quick – I'll distract, you dis-arm!"



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



The PERILS of ICE

Most Golden Retrievers love the lake! Whether you visit the cottage year-round or have a home near the water, the beauty of the lake in the summer is spectacular. And while there are some inherent risks at any time of year, the presence of ice in the winter holds unique challenges for both humans and Golden Retrievers alike.

Being aware of those risks is one way to ensure your Golden can continue their love of the water and enjoy it for many years to come. There are many dangers with any body of water.

Thin ice can crop up in patches anywhere on a surface. Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean that ice is strong enough to hold you or your dog. **A BASIC GUIDELINE FOR ICE SAFETY IS THAT THE ICE SHOULD BE AT LEAST FIVE INCHES THICK.** On the whole, thicker ice is always better. Double those requirements if the ice is covered by snow. Believe it or not, snow can act as an insulator for ice. It may actually make the ice warmer and weaker. Often the weakest ice will be in the center and along the edges. Snow is also heavy, so it adds extra stress on developing ice.

While falling through ice is never a good experience, shelf ice typically prevents one's exit.

We know that every year there are pets who don't survive the lake experience in the cold months. This is not meant to alarm anyone but serve as a cautionary note for those who find themselves in proximity to ice in the winter.

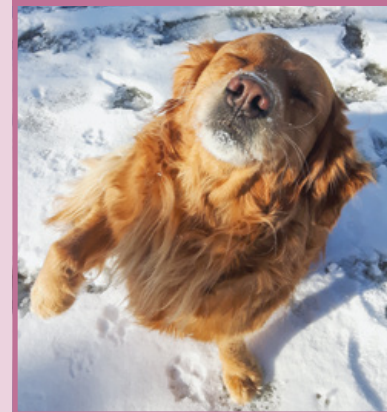
Most dogs love routine and a Golden is no exception. Consider, before ice forms, altering your dog's regular walking routine in the opposite direction of a body of water (lakes, ponds, rivers). Once the ice has melted in the spring, you can once again make water features part of your dog's exercise and walk regime.

Yappy 16th Birthday!

Jenny #1828

Eleven years ago, Jenny #1828 arrived in our home for foster care. It quickly became apparent that she was to be a foster failure and joined our Golden family with two senior Golden boys, Murphy and Bentley #1664. The boys were quite happy that they had a mother hen to watch over them. Although Jenny was much smaller than either of them, she let them know in no uncertain terms that she would get her share of stuffies and that wrestling was not exclusive to just boys!

MEET & GREET



When we read last month's Guardian article about the loss of a pet, we were painfully reminded about how loss affects not only humans, but the remaining pets in the home. We had Jenny for just two years when we lost both of her fur brothers within three weeks of each other. Our happy, carefree girl became withdrawn and lethargic. Yes, animals grieve too. We had other fosters come through our home, but it was not until Snowy #2170 arrived (another foster failure) that Jenny returned to life and was able to be the mother hen once again. A few years later, Hunter #2897 showed up for foster care, and you guessed it, never left. Jenny is now 16 years old ~ she just celebrated her birthday. She is totally deaf, moves a little slower, snores a lot louder, and while she does not jump in and wrestle as much, she still supervises Snowy and Hunter to make sure they are playing nicely. Always the mother hen!

Cheryl-Anne & John (Foster Failure Parents Extraordinaire)



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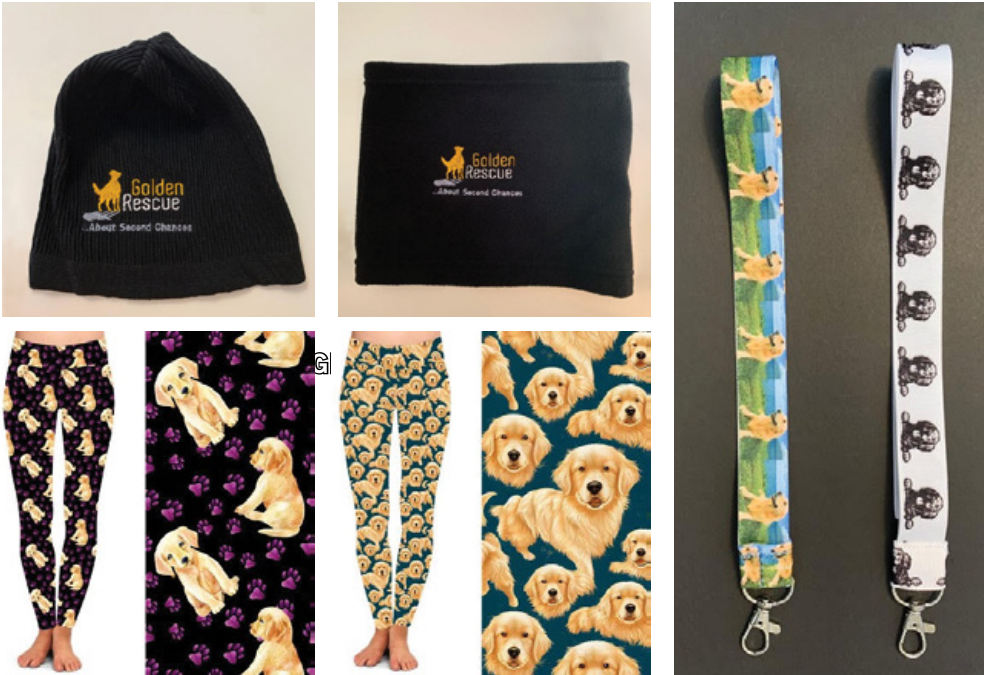
MY LOVE LETTER TO YOU...

I'm the one who's always waiting for you.
 Your car has a special sound...I recognize it in an instant.
 Your steps are magic to me.
 Your voice is music to my ears.
 When you're happy, I'm happy.
 Your scent is the best.
 Your presence makes me feel safe.
 Your waking up wakes me up.
 I am happy watching you sleep because I'm beside you.
 Your look is a ray of light.
 When you touch me, I feel the love.
 When you leave, I feel a huge hole in my heart.
 I can't wait for you to return.
 I will love you today, tomorrow, and forever.
 I am your family.



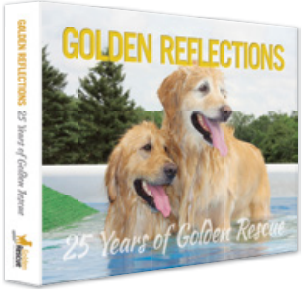
Winter is HERE...SO IS OUR SALE!

JUST IN...WARM AND FUZZIES:



GET YOUR 2024 CALENDAR FOR ONLY \$5. And if you spend \$25+, we'll send you a copy of 'Golden Reflections' ~ our beautiful coffee table book. If you want 'Golden Reflections' sent to you, please put 'free book' in the notes section of your order.

Click [HERE](#) to shop everything Golden OR scan our QR code.



Rosie #4566

Our amazing Rosie is a strong little girl ~ physically and mentally. Our seven-year-old angel acts more like a two-year-old in enthusiasm. She is devoted and affectionate and loves nothing more than sleeping on our feet so we can't go anywhere without her knowing about it. Pretty smart if you ask us. She has good recall and sits on demand; however, leash walking is a work-in-progress. She is a happy girl and we love her very much!

Jeannie & Norm

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

O CANADA...

I won a lottery in Egypt. Didn't feel like it at the time, as I was stuffed into a travel crate inside a monstrously noisy metal affair that flew through the air at great speed across an ocean. Horrid thing ~ I could hear other dogs somewhere around me. We chatted a bit...cried a lot... wondering what was next on the agenda of a dog's life. We'd already endured some of life's worst.

I didn't realize I was destined to enter a beautiful land called Canada and the very best interval in my whole life of six years. I am now ten plus and know a lot. I've been asked many times what I love about Canada.

LOVE: I think maybe that's the most important difference after being rescued by Golden Rescue and pampered following adoption by my fair lady. It's the ecstasy of my life. It's reciprocal. I could stop right here, not needing to take more of your time. Love kind of gets everything else right, doesn't it?

GOOD FOOD & CARE: Nutritious and yummy food...what a difference. I'm so much healthier and my coat is beautiful. And I get all the medical attention I need from fabulous vets.

PALS: I have so many friends ~ two and four-legged. Where I came from, people were often not nice to me and other animals and I were always competing for food and there were many flights. So, I hid in a corner and was mostly forgotten. It was extremely bleak and I was so sad. Here, everyone is nice to me and I'm happy.



ANNABELLE #3257

SNOW: I might have put this delight first on the list. I just love romping in the coolness and poking my retriever nose into the different textures. Where I came from was way too hot.

WALKS: Your country, now my country, is beautiful and walks along a country road sprouts many surprises. Walks are where friendships begin and conversations bloom, where exercise exists, and your incredibly fresh air feeds the soul. It a simple pleasure that should not be taken for granted.

My joy began in Canada. And that returns me to point number one ~ LOVE. That's what I was missing all along but now have it in abundance.

With love, Annabelle #3257 🐾



UPCOMING EVENTS

Help us spread the **GOLDEN WORD!**

We need **YOU** and your **GOLDENS**.

If you are interested in volunteering with your Golden for a few hours, please email us at volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

Sunday, April 14th

**Ottawa Farmers Market
Lansdown Park/Aberdeen Pavillion
10 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.



MEET & GREET

Jagger #4551

Jagger was given his name because he is a rockstar. Everyone in his new neighbourhood knows and loves him as he is a gentle and well-behaved boy. He walks proudly as he greets all his new friends with his head held high. Maybe we should say he prances rather than walks ~ just like Jagger! He is an 85-pound sweetheart who greets every morning on his back waiting patiently for belly rubs. Even though I adopted him in January, it feels like he has lived here forever. He is gentle and sweet even when he's having a shower. We are both discovering new things about each other and he's finally taking an interest in toys. At times I truly believe he rescued me.

Julie



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

Beau #4550

Adopted by Jutta & Dirk

Fergus #4574

Adopted by Renee & Mike

Gracie #4580

Adopted by Roo & Jeremy

Jagger #4551

Adopted by Julie

Kona #4598

Adopted by Vada & Adrian

Lexie #4572

Adopted by Michele & Luke

Luna #4583

Adopted by Elisabeth & Stephen

Ollie #4577

Adopted by David & Matt

TenTen #4584

Adopted by Becky & Robb

Toby #4592

Adopted by Heather & Rory

Wall-E #4604

Adopted by Sarah & Ken

Winnie #4596

Adopted by Karin & Robert

Winnie #4603

Adopted by Brooke & Dan

Winnifred #4546

Adopted by Anna & Sarah



LEXI #4572



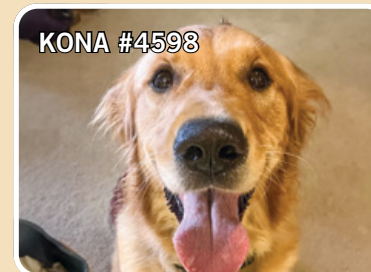
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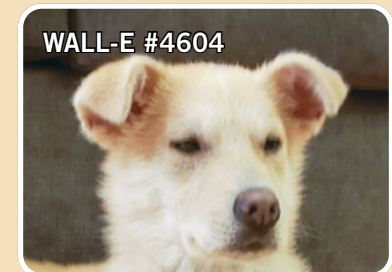
TENTEN #4584



TOBY #4592



KONA #4598



WALL-E #4604

♥ FINDING FOREVER FAMILIES ♥

CFIA BAN UPDATE:

Uniting for Change!

Here is the latest on our battle against the CFIA Ban and how we are taking the fight to the next level.

Advocacy in Action

The CFIA might have hoped we'd back down, but they underestimated our determination! Our team has launched a powerful campaign, reaching out to Members of Parliament with clear demands, actionable steps, and non-negotiable outcomes. We will continue to apply pressure until the necessary changes are made!

Rescuing Golden Retrievers, Near and Far

It is crucial to reiterate that saving every Golden possible in Canada remains our top priority. In fact, we ensure that all shelters are aware of our readiness to assist all Golden Retrievers in need (with the exception of aggressive repeat biters). However, in recognizing our global interconnectedness, coupled with available adopters and resources, we firmly advocate for extending our reach beyond borders. Every Golden in the world deserves a life free from suffering. We uphold rigorous adoption standards, ensuring we never contribute to shelter overpopulation! All Golden Rescue adopters are legally bound to return the Golden to us if unable to provide care. This commitment safeguards against any potential strain on shelters, reinforcing our dedication to responsible rescue practices.

Rallying for Change

Exciting plans are underway as we enter the early stages of organizing rallies to advocate to amend the ban. Vancouver, Ottawa, and potentially Toronto are our targeted locations, aiming to capture substantial media interest. When the time comes, most likely in the spring, we urge all supporters to stand with us, alongside with your beautiful Golden Retrievers (be they international, domestic or non-rescues) to amplify our voices and unite for change!

Thank you for your unyielding support. It's not just appreciated...it's essential! Let's keep pushing forward, stronger and louder than ever.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY,
a Golden Retriever will
come into your life,
steal your heart, and
change everything.



GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Give her a break ~ it's the latest 'PENNY'!"

GOLDEN ANGELS



Shadow #1342

Meet an outstanding volunteer ~ a golden angel with a golden heart!

Nicola Mitchell

Nicola has been a Golden Rescue Golden Retriever Believer for over 10 years. Her first Golden, Coco, was her inspiration to get involved, which started small with participation in events like the car rally and selling Wishbone Lottery tickets. Soon, however, Nicola wanted to do more to help her favourite breed. She thought about fostering but knew she couldn't because she'd want to adopt every single foster, eventually becoming the classic 'crazy dog lady'. So, she joined the transport team and found the experience such a gift. One particular transport was Lulu #4282 who she fell instantly in love with, eventually adopted, and coined a new phrase ~ a transport fail. She also became a part of the international arrivals airport welcome crew ~ an experience she found extremely emotional and exhilarating. She then found her niche with the Intake Team and this is where she performs her magic, bringing in needy Golden Retrievers. Intakes is the most difficult role in the organization and she excels in it. Nicola says that volunteering with Golden Rescue has been beyond rewarding in so many ways and she looks forward to many years more while making good friends along the way. We are so happy Nicola found her way to us. She is loved by everyone she works with and is a star. Thank you, Nicola!



NICOLA WITH LULU #4282 & COCO

COMING SOON

Golden Rescue's

SPRING ON-LINE AUCTION

It's a fantastic opportunity to have fun, buy amazing prizes & gifts, and make a positive impact on the lives of Golden Retrievers in need! **STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE!**

LOOKING FOR PRIZES

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

Here are a few suggestions for some things we'd be grateful to receive:

- Anything related to Golden Retrievers/dogs
- Theatre/sporting event tickets
- Rounds of golf
- Gift cards
- Restaurant certificates
- Tickets for attractions
- Experiences (flights, hotels, resorts, hot-air ballooning, escape rooms, etc.)
- Jewelry & accessories
- Fitness classes/gym memberships
- Artwork, home décor & garden/outdoor items

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEET & GREET SULLY #4092



Sully is an affectionate boy with tons of potential and he is settling more and more every day. He loves cuddling and whipping his toys around the house. He also loves his walks and gets to go on forest trails off-leash as his recall is really good. He is a really a wonderful and loving boy!

Aaron

! ADOPTION ALERTS !

THESE THREE
DESPERATELY
NEED FAMILIES

EACH OF THESE GOLDENS 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!



Twinkle #4242

Read my bio [here](#)!



Rudy #4333

Read all about me [here](#)!



Sophie #4434

Click [here](#) if you want to read about me!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ADOPTION, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO FILL OUT AN ADOPTION APPLICATION.

If you already have submitted an application and would like more information, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca.

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!

BARNEY #3925



LOOK BACK AND BE
grateful

LOOK AHEAD AND BE
hopeful

LOOK AROUND AND BE
helpful

Help our future Golden Retrievers by becoming a monthly donor ~ any amount is appreciated ~ nothing is too big or too small. Or make a one-time donation.

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