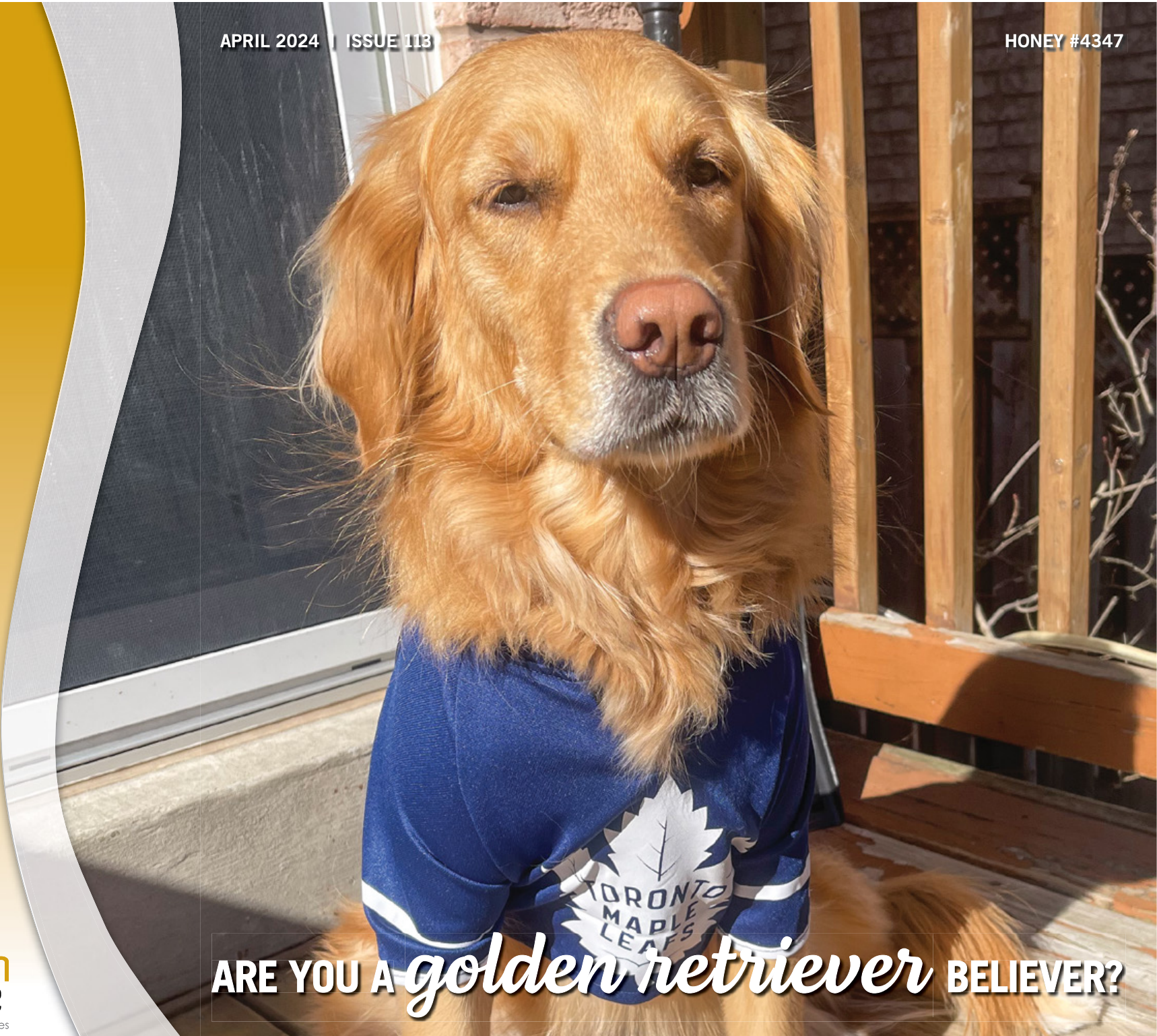


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Golden Rescue Mission Statement SECOND CHANCES FOR GOLDENS IN NEED

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

Honey #4347 ~ Hi everyone...my name is Honey and, as you can see, I am a fan of Leaf Nation! I was adopted in November 2023 for a second time...maybe that is why I am such a Leafs fan...I never give up hope! I am adjusting well to my new digs and just loving all the new people in my family. I would love to come and join all of you at a Golden Rescue event; however, I am working on some issues (I know we all have one or two). Mine is that I don't like other dogs. My human mom is working with a trainer to help me resolve this issue. I am thankful for my new family and for everyone at Golden Rescue who have helped me over the past couple of years. **Go Leafs Go!**

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!



PLEASE Attend our Rally. We Need YOU!

Save a life...Help us amend the CFIA ban!

WHAT: A peaceful RALLY to amend the CFIA ban

WHEN: Saturday, May 4th ~ noon to 2 pm

WHERE: CFIA offices in Ottawa

The CFIA may well believe that we have given up the fight against the ban; however, we have to advocate for thousands of dogs who live in misery and who have no voice.

For many of us who have rescued an international Golden, we know how important it was to give these amazing creatures a second chance at life (read many of the stories [here](#).)

This ban is sentencing thousands of dogs to a life of misery and, more than likely, death. We need your help by joining our rally to bring life back to this issue. We are hoping for 100+ people and the main intent, besides getting the CFIA's attention, is to invite and attract the media. Our plan is to make this rally as friendly as our Golden retrievers. We want to educate not irritate.



Jake #3473 from CAIRO ~ BEFORE & NOW

Our first priority is to rescue every Canadian Golden who crosses our radar. Since we believe that rescue has no borders and we live in one world, we would like to continue our rescue efforts with our shelter partners in Turkey and Egypt when we have adopters and the financial means to do so.



Coach #3843 from CAIRO ~ BEFORE & NOW

We agree with creating stronger protocols. We are not advocating for the ban to be reversed...just amended to something reasonable. Since rabies is 100% preventable, the easiest way to ensure dogs are adequately vaccinated is to do a titer test in the originating country or here upon arrival. We are willing to work with the CFIA to develop a plan that will keep all Canadians safe; however, staying silent and doing nothing is not the answer. Countless dogs are suffering around the world. Canadians have always been known to be helpful and nice. This ban is VERY un-Canadian!

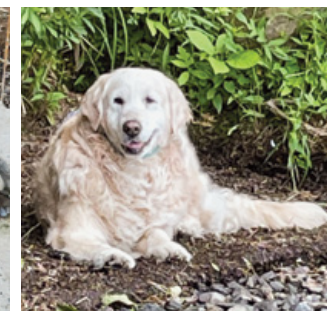


Bentley #3679 from CAIRO ~ BEFORE & NOW

Rescuing international Golden retrievers does not contribute in any way to Canada's shelter problem as any Golden who needs to be returned (and those are very few) comes back to us. In fact, we also take Golden retrievers from Canadian shelters.

Please bring your dog ~ Golden, non-Golden, rescue, non-rescue...as long as they are friendly and will be at ease in a crowd.

It is vital we get your RSVP as we need to determine if we're going to proceed. Once we receive everyone's commitment, we will confirm all the details with you. Prior to the rally, we'll



Kaya #3793 from ISTANBUL ~ BEFORE & NOW

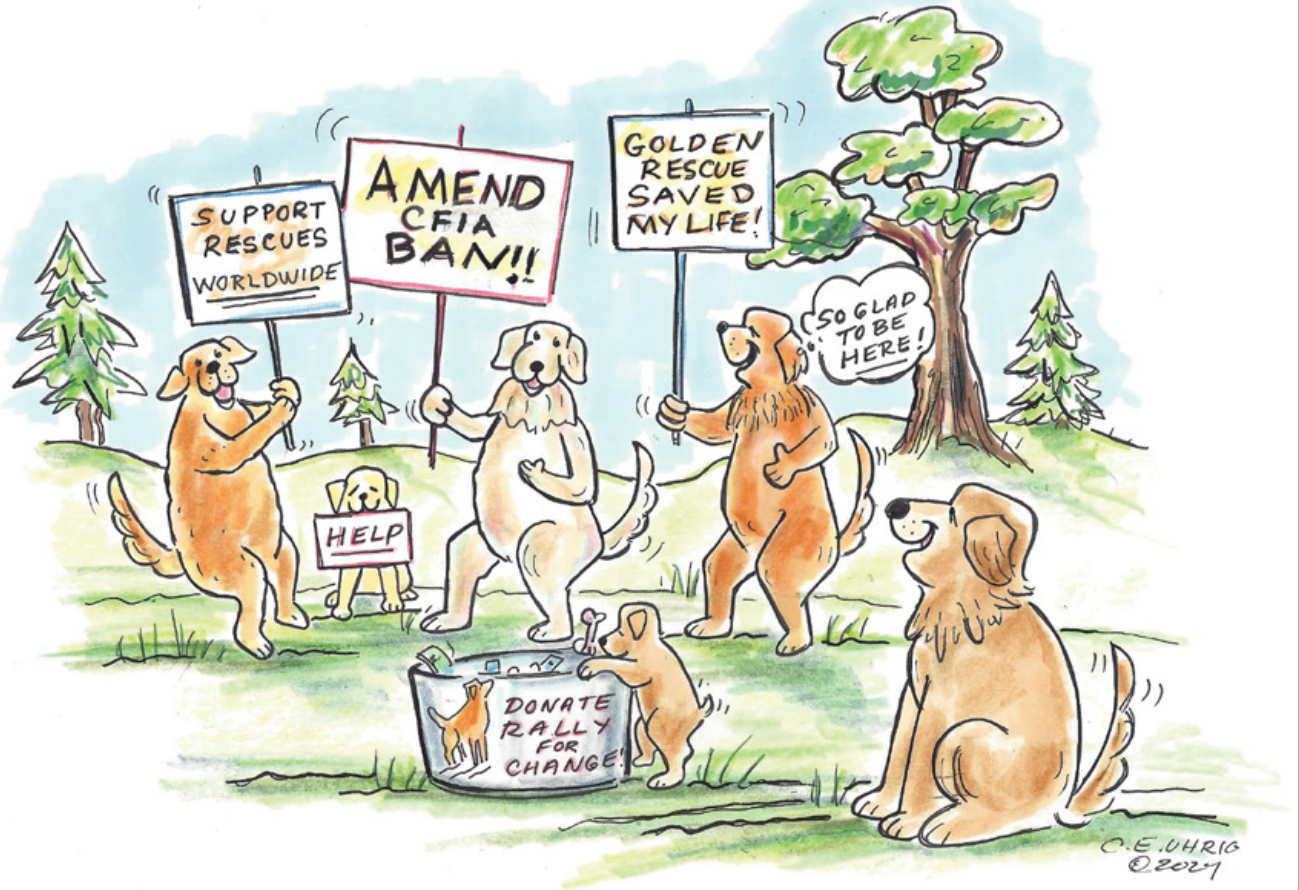
have a Zoom call with everyone. We will also be ordering t-shirts for all participants and bandanas for the dogs.



Forrest #3599 from CAIRO ~ BEFORE & NOW


**WE ARE
ONE
WORLD**

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Love that we’re not just rolling over and backing down!”

Please RSVP to board@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you for your support!



OUR 'GOLDEN SPRING FLING' 50-50 DRAW STARTS APRIL 2ND



NEW ~ Bigger prizes for the Early Bird draws, including a guaranteed minimum + \$500 CASH PRIZE in each of our main draws!

This month, we are offering a special ticket price ~ instead of 500 tickets for \$60, you will get 700 tickets! That's 700 chances to win!

Scan the QR code to buy tickets or visit www.goldenrescue5050.ca

License #RAF1367636 (open to Ontario residents only – must be in Ontario at time of ticket purchase)



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!

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

Brodie #4618
Adopted by Trish & Martin

Brody #4599
Adopted by Mary

Buddy #4495
Adopted by Lesley & Ian

Coco #4600
Adopted by Karen & Doug

Cooper #2429
Adopted by Lynn & Dave

Figgy #4620
Adopted by Anne & Jason

Georgie #4627
Adopted by Emma, Helen & Nelson

Hudson #4559
Adopted by Sue & Rob

Lacey #4638
Adopted by Madison

Maggie #4597
Adopted by Michelle & Reg

Marty #4623
Adopted by Kim

Maya #4602
Adopted by Laurie & Brian

Nora #4633
Adopted by Ashley & Daryl

Ocean #4607
Adopted by Siobhan

Pamuk #4601
Adopted by Jacqueline & Elton

Putter #4621
Adopted by Christine & Jordan

Remington #4608
Adopted by Bernard & Addy

Rosie #4503
Adopted by Lenae & Kevin

Roy #4609
Adopted by Daniele & John



FINDING
FOREVER
FAMILIES



MEET & GREET



Willow #4527

Willow is a smart, sweet 6-month-old and she can be a handful. That's because she excels at everything she does. She is a superstar at puppy classes and will likely be enrolling in agility and obedience classes soon. There is nothing this lovely girl can't do if she puts her very active and inquisitive mind to it. She is fast and a real huntress. Her walks are giant sniffaries. She is also a real snuggle bug so everyone she meets falls instantly in love with her. Her name suits her as she is a free spirit who wisps around like a willow in the wind. She is one-of-a-kind and we love her to the moon and back.

Loretta, Bob & sister Charm

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Say Cheese!

Please send your fabulous Golden photos as the feature pages for the 2025 calendar. (Take photos with the highest device settings & please don't compress them for email.) Please email photos to photos@goldenrescue.ca. Please make sure you tell us who's who and include their rescue numbers.

Commemorate a Date!

Buy a commemorative date in the 2025 Calendar for your loved ones and support Golden Retrievers in need at the same time!

- Happy Birthday Shadow #1342
- In memory of Bailey #1212
- Happy Gotcha Day Kili #4171

Please email the date, message, and photo to board@goldenrescue.ca and send your e-transfer to treasurer@goldenrescue.ca.

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

DEADLINE:
JULY 15TH

(commemorative dates and photo submissions)

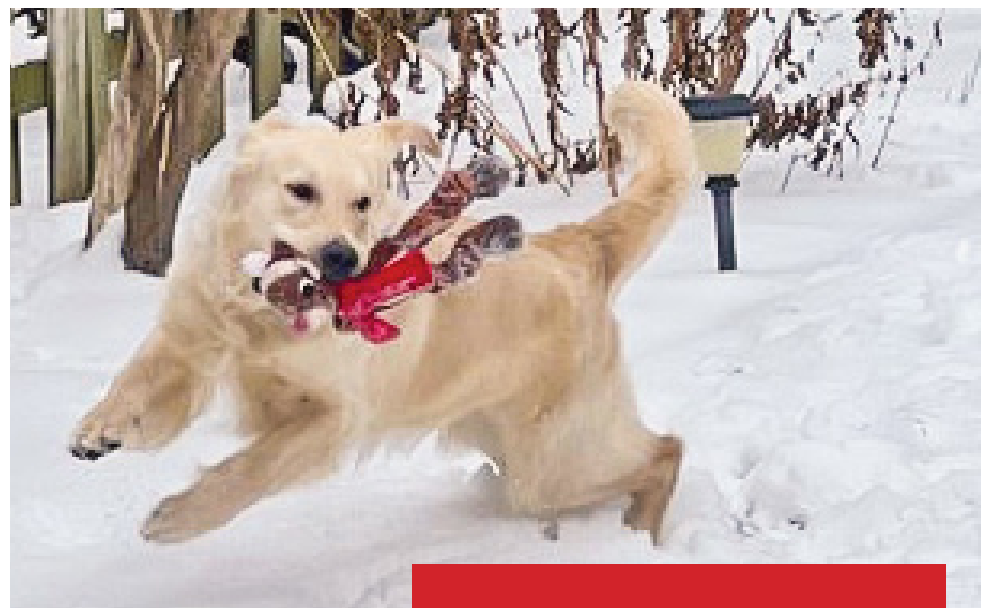
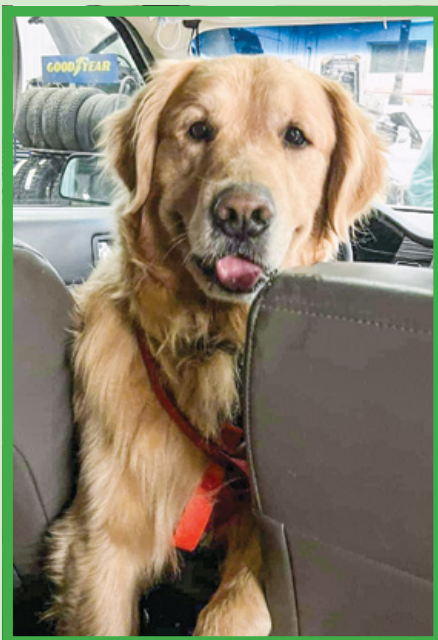


MEET & GREET

Kaladar #4472

You probably remember Kaladar (aka Rocky) from his 15-day adventure when he broke loose and was tracked and found in Kaladar. In homage to the community that was immeasurably supportive in his search, we gave him the name 'Kaladar'. As we were part of his rescue mission, it seemed only fitting that we would eventually adopt him. Life has been a bit of a whirlwind for our lovely boy as everything goes into his mouth and the words 'drop it' are the most commonly heard words in our household. He even almost poisoned himself on a walnut but fortunately we figured things out just in the nick of time. He can still be reactive to other dogs and was almost lost again from his double leash when he encountered a boxer on his walk. Again, disaster was averted and Kaladar returned to his dad when gently called. Several months later, Kaladar still walks with two leads and a GPS. He lives a great life with his three sisters ~ Timbre & Goldens Muppet #2607 and Cello #2556. He has a beautiful large fenced yard in which to run around and play. He loves his car rides and swimming. He's less reactive than ever and continues to improve every day. He's a real sweetheart but still a bit of a rover at heart.

Lynn & David

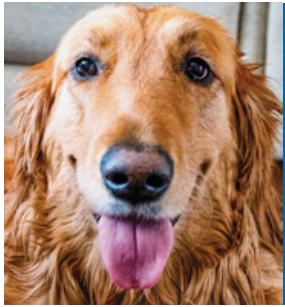


MEET & GREET

Lucy #4563

Lucy was rescued with a few siblings and there's no doubt that her first years in life were rough. It was a challenge to get poor, terrified Lucy into the house at all. In fact, two of the first nine nights we couldn't coax her inside at all. It took four days before we could attempt to clean her and cut off the poop clumps hanging from her butt. It took 14 days before Lucy felt confident enough to enter the house on her own ~ a huge step for this brave little girl. She also knew few words or commands. Now, four months later, Lucy has her own bed in the family room which she shares with her dodos (stuffed animals) and knows lots of words like 'walk', 'mom', 'home', 'outside', 'dodos', and of course 'num-num', which means dinner time. She still does not know how to do stairs even though we brought a four-legged friend to show her how. Lucy has a wonderful temperament and generally is super affectionate. We are so happy that she finally has the life she deserves.

Allison & Don



DEAR APRIL

APRIL #3939

DEAR APRIL: COULD YOU TELL ME WHETHER CANNED FOOD OR KIBBLE IS BETTER? JENNY

Dear Jenny: After hours of research, my mommy found that canned food can be better for some of my friends and it typically contains more protein plus fewer carbohydrates. It also typically contains fewer synthetic preservatives. Canned food can be good for dieting, dental issues, and my senior friends. Kibble can be better for teeth in that it doesn't adhere to our teeth like canned food. There are also options with kibble in terms of ingredients. Freeze-dried kibble has good ingredients and water can be added to soften the food. There is a greater convenience to kibble and refrigeration is not required. Kibble can contain a variety of synthetic preservatives. One must research the ingredients in all food products and get a better understanding of what your four-legged family member needs. Some recommended ingredients are Vitamin C, Vitamin E, real meats, wild caught fish, and grain free and rosemary preservatives. Ingredients to avoid are names you can't pronounce, meat and meat meal, farmed anything, white flour, and BHA/BHT. There are far too many objectionable ingredients to list and a good understanding is required.

DEAR APRIL: DO YOU HAVE A BEST DOG BISCUIT RECIPE? MARLEY

Dear Marley: There are many recipes for us.

I really like the one that has all my favourite ingredients. It has whole wheat flour, eggs, canned pumpkin, peanut butter without xylitol or any artificial sweetener, salt, and cinnamon. It is an 'ALLRECIPES' recipe and it's called 'Home-Made Dog Treats ~ Peanut Butter & Pumpkin. A google search of homemade dog treats will guide you through the lengthy prep and cooking instructions. Another fabulous recipe from 'LOVE OF COOKING' is frozen peanut butter and banana dog treats. It's a very easy recipe with three ingredients and it's ideal for warm summer days. It consists of peanut butter, banana, and Greek plain unsweetened yogurt. Make sure the ingredients are chosen for their nutritional value and good for my fur-friends.

HI APRIL: WITH SUMMER COMING, COULD YOU RECOMMEND A GOOD SUN SCREEN FOR DOGS? SONNY

Hello Sonny: With summer coming, we're going to be out in the sun a lot so it's a great idea that those with short hair, bald spots, surgical incisions, and light-coloured noses have some protection when outdoors. There are a few brands that offer protection for light colour noses. They are Burt's Bees Paw and Nose lotion and My Dog Nose It. Just be careful with ingredients. Never use a sunscreen designed for humans. The best food to help with ultra-violet rays are whole foods, raw meat, red fruits, cooked tomatoes, and green chlorophyll. Like my human families, staying out of the sun from 11 am to 1 pm is a great idea. Have a great summer and stay safe.

HELLO APRIL: IS THERE A RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO PET A FURBABY? GEORGIE

Hi Georgie: Well Georgie, I'm so glad you asked that question. So many humans pat me on the top of my head and I don't like it. What I really like is soft touches to the neck, gentle scratches at the

base of my tail, and rubs from the top of my head to my tail in the direction of my fur. I also love when you gently massage my ears. If I'm nervous or upset, my mom will massage all of my body going with the fur. Sometimes, my friends like their paws rubbed...I don't. My favourite of all time that puts me to sleep is a heavenly tummy rub. It's a great way to bond, relax, and show affection.

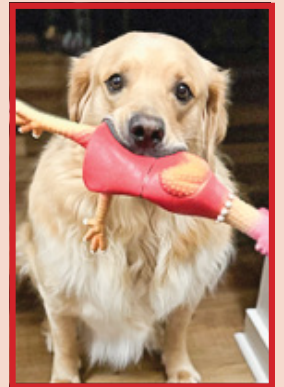
Yours in rescue and with much gratitude,

APRIL XPAW

MEET & GREET

Bowie #3818

From the moment Bowie walked down the cargo ramp after his long flight from Cairo, we were in love. Once Bowie settled into his new world, he blossomed into an incredible boy. He's intelligent, funny, and sweet and he keeps us on our toes every day. He is also sensitive and knows when we are sad or sick. He instinctively snuggles in closely and gently lays his head on our laps. He's an amazing Egyptian prince and he rescued us just as much as we rescued him.



Michelle, David & Georgia



GOLDEN ANGEL



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

Yvonne Whalen

Yvonne is an important member of our Golden Rescue family and we are excited to name her as April's Golden Angel. Yvonne's pup Charlie introduced her to what a special breed Goldens are and this led her to welcoming Sadie (aka Betty Boop) #2411 to the family. Later, she adopted her handsome Turkish boy, Frodo #3923, and is now fostering a sweet senior girl, Rosie #4626. Yvonne has been involved with home visits and has been a very active Event Coordinator for two years, running six events just last year! We are thrilled that Yvonne is about to become even more involved as she recently agreed to take over as the Director of Events. Thanks Yvonne for your energy, passion, and commitment! Two Golden 'paws up' to you!



YVONNE WITH FRODO, CHARLIE & ROSIE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Help us spread the GOLDEN word!

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

April 14th
Ottawa Farmers'
Market (ON)
10 am – 3 pm

**June 22nd &
23rd**
Woofstock, Toronto
(ON)

May 25th (TBD)
Sugarbush Winery,
Hillier (ON)

August 17th
Muskoka
Huntsville Market
(ON)
10 am – 6 pm

June 1st
Winchester Glen
Retirement
Community
Wag-tastic Day,
Oshawa (ON)
10 am – 2 pm

SAVE THE DATE
GR Picnic
(Viamede Resort)
Saturday
September 21st

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.

What to do When an Off-Leash Dog Charges at You

Most of us think of dogs as sweet, kind, and gentle animals who only want to love and play. And while this is the case for many domesticated dogs, we often forget that dogs are not only our best friend, but they are also animals who possess sharp teeth and were once wild and still have predatory instincts that can lead to problems. Sadly, there are many fearful dogs out there who develop aggressive behaviours either because of a lack of socialization or having a rough beginning ~ perhaps a victim of an attack or mistreated by bad humans.

Recently, several dog maulings in Toronto have been reported, which has led to proposed government legislation on creating an aggressive dog registry along with other more stringent rules and regulations for owners of dogs deemed dangerous. One of the most important parts of this proposal, from a dog trainer's perspective, is the need for more education and prevention. Education for everyone ~ whether you own a dog or not is key to equip people with the tools and techniques that they can use to protect themselves should they ever be in a situation where they are being charged by an aggressive dog.

It is easy to understand the plight of someone who has been attacked or has had their dog attacked by a random dog. The fear that you feel in that moment is frightening and the trauma can last for years, so here are some tips and techniques to use should you find yourself in such a terrifying scenario. The first thing you need to do is breathe. Breathing is more essential to your state-of-mind than you can imagine.



PETER WITH BRUNO #3496

When you're afraid, your heart rate quickens and you instantly start breathing faster, just like prey animals. And because dogs are predators, they can sense fear and hear the rapid breathing of prey animals so you don't want to make yourself appear like one or you will be treated as such. It is completely understandable that anyone being attacked by a dog who is snarling, growling, and/or barking will freeze. To save yourself in that moment though, you need to do the exact opposite. The best thing you can do is remain

calm and stand your ground. Never run away from the dog because it will only fuel their aggression and make them want to chase you more. Dogs live to chase and if you give them a reason to chase you, they will. Instead, if an aggressive dog ever comes charging at you, you need to gather up every ounce of your courage and immediately take a giant step towards them putting your arm straight out in front of you with your palm facing the dog. The palm of your hand should block the dogs gaze so that they are not able to make eye contact with you. Stand tall, holding your stance and your posture stiff and at the same time tell the dog in a deep and very loud voice "NOOOO" or "STOP"! Make yourself as big and as loud as possible when the dog is charging so they think twice. Doing this instantly stops their forward momentum and the dog will stop charging and rethink their attack. This is because when a dog is charging you it expects you to turn and run. In its mind they are the predator and you are the prey but when you step towards them holding out your arm and yelling in a loud authoritative voice, it is confusing to them because you are not what they expect and now they must pause and reassess their actions.

As predators, dogs are opportunists and aggressive dogs are looking for an easy target. Once challenged, they will often back down and reassess their attack plan. Often, they will stop short and form a perimeter around you of about ten feet and will circle you looking for an opening and deciding whether they want to continue. Hold your stance keeping your arm out with palm up facing the dog even if they circle around you, leaning your body towards them so

that you are moving in a circle with them. And if they take another step towards you, again use a deep guttural NOOOO moving your arm and hand out towards them again, holding yourself stiff showing the dog you are not easy prey. This should stop them in their tracks because they decide the fight is not worth it and you won't be so easily overpowered. Once you are no longer acting like the victim, they stop treating you like one and will reassess their actions. Every time this has happened to me and my staff, and it has happened a number of times, we use this very technique, and the dog eventually retreats, perhaps to look for an easier target.

If you have a dog with you when you are charged, then use one hand to grab your dog's leash and pull it behind you, offering your dog some protection from the charging dog. Then use your other hand and the same technique described above to stop the charging dog. Don't let your fear rule your head, don't panic, stand firm, and the dog will back off when they see this behaviour from you. If the dog is coming to attack your dog, typically it doesn't even see you until you make this maneuver. Once you use this technique, the dog realizes that there are two of you that they

will have to face off against and that it's actually two against one now instead of one-on-one and in the animal kingdom that's a whole different set of odds.

One final thing to mention is that if you are the owner of a dog that shows aggressive behaviour, it is up to you to learn techniques to control that behaviour, so the dog learns how to greet people and dogs properly when on a walk or at home. These behaviours can be quite scary and owners facing such issues with their dogs should seek professional help to facilitate the transition away from aggression as fast as possible. Obviously, everyone who has a dog with these tendencies should be walking their dog on a leash or gentle leader at all times and they need to learn how to control their dog on the leash. This can all be learned by working with a professional dog trainer skilled in these methods.

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



AGM + Q&A
SAVE
THE
DATE

Wednesday, June 26th ~ 7 pm EST

This year, Golden Rescue's AGM will be accessible to all as it will be streamed live. At the conclusion of the AGM, we invite you to participate in a Q&A where you will be able to ask our board members questions.

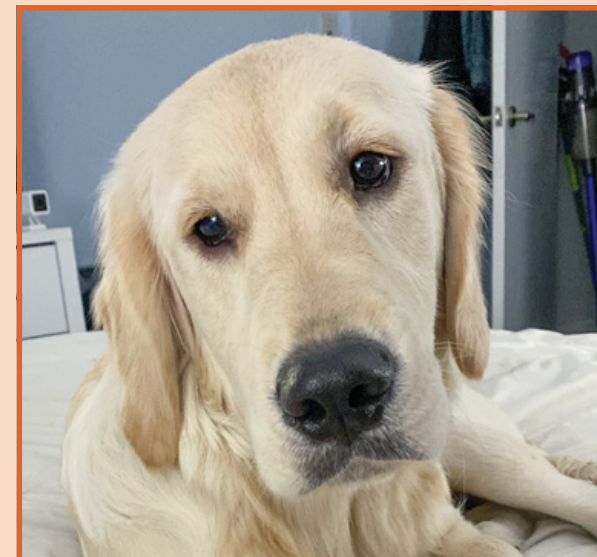
Stay tuned for details.

MEET & GREET

Mylie #4507

Mylie is a sweet, sweet, 8-month-old girl. On day one she made herself right at home with us and stole our hearts forever. She loves every single person and dog she meets and generally simply loves life. She is hilarious ~ from her nightly before-bed zoomies to her blowing bubbles in her water bowl. She loves to play and snuggle with her big sister Maggie and has especially fallen in love with snow. Adding her to our family was the best thing we could have done and we can't imagine our lives without her!

Jenna & Aaron





MEET & GREET

Pamuk #4601

Pamuk is doing incredibly well and has adjusted well to life with us. He looooves his walks ~ but can only do about 15-20 minutes, so we do three short walks a day with him along the beach. He also really likes the snow. He has 'trained' us well to support his petting and loving needs. He loves to be loved and we are more than happy to oblige. He adores playing with all of his toys and has a large variety to choose from. We LOVE him so much. He's definitely the king of our castle and this union was truly a meant-to-be!

Jacqueline & Elton

MEET & GREET FRANKIE #4442



When Frankie arrived into the GR program, she was under-weight and bald down her back as well as having a thyroid condition. Today, this beautiful girl has put on weight, grown her fur back, and is on medication to control her thyroid. She loves daily trips to her 25-acre dog park and proudly wears her pink harness with her name engraved on it as she struts around saying hello to all her new friends. Frankie is a much-loved member of our family and we can't imagine life without her.

Sue & Don

Unique, beautiful & personalized...

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A perfect gift for you or a loved one!

New in April, we have beautiful CRYSTALS. Send us a photo of your furbaby and they will be forever etched into crystal. We have several shapes and sizes to choose from and they look particularly beautiful when sitting on top of a stand that lights up your piece of art. The light (which can either be plugged in or runs on batteries) has several colours to choose from. We also have crystal keychains that also light up.

Last month we added a new toy box to our repertoire ~ you can have your Golden(s) names added for that 'personal' touch.

So, check out our store that has SO many things for all Golden lovers!

Click [here](#) OR scan our QR code!



Happy shopping and thank you for your support!



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KALADAR #4472