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RAMSES #4070



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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

Ramses #4070 & Cleo #3450 ~ Ramses nickname is Mr. Lovely on account of his spectacularly friendly nature. This boy, however, had a rough start. He arrived from Cairo emaciated, sickly, and desperately in need of love. We fell in love with him immediately and nursed him back to health and happiness in no time flat. His sister Cleo also came from Cairo the year before and these two Egyptian superstars are inseparable. Cleo also arrived in Canada very thin, so perhaps she was able to understand Ramses' needs the best. Today, these two are true tail-wagging, grateful Canadians and we pray that the streets of Cairo are a distant memory. Cleo has always been a delightful girl; however, Ramses really brought out the 'happy' in Cleo. Life is better with a rescue, but two rescued Golden...that's priceless! **Bonnie & Dave**



CLEO #3450 & RAMSES #4070

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!



MEET & GREET

Rosie #4455

Rosie had her first snowbird experience and enjoyed life in Florida with us this winter. She has overcome so many of her fears and has made lots of doggie friends ~ she has fit right into southern life. She loves chasing bunnies...and any other critter for that matter. We now know what 'high prey drive' means. She is so loved by our family and pretty much anyone she meets.

Kelly & Wayne



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Save a life...please help us
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WHEN: Saturday, May 4th ~ noon to 2 pm

WHERE: CFIA offices in Ottawa

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Please RSVP or drop by to show your
support! Read more about it [here](#).



MEET & GREET

Ranger #4149

This wonderful boy came from Cairo and has had quite a trip around Ontario before settling in with us. Starting at the Toronto airport, he went to Sault Ste. Marie, then to Collingwood, then to London, and finally to his forever home in Ottawa. Why such a journey? That's a long story for another time. Suffice to say, he is now where he belongs ~ safe, loved, happy, and adored.

Lisa & Brian

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Remi #4474

Remi has been with us for almost a year now and it's a mutual love affair. She loves hanging out with dad in the office listening to their favourite Jimmy Buffet tunes but also loves being with mom who feeds her lots of fresh veggies and salmon. The food is so good, she isn't complaining about being on a diet. Remi has already lost 10 pounds so she is feeling much better, has more energy, and can almost jump up on the bed by herself. Remi loves living with us as much as we love her.

Terri & Denis

This month's \$500 CASH EARLY BIRD PRIZE is sponsored by Tiny Green Paw and Chris Fralick, Royal LePage Frank Real Estate

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Compassion, Not Criticism



In a world quick to judge, let's offer compassion!

At Golden Rescue, we embrace those faced with the agonizing decision of surrendering their beloved Golden. Life is unpredictable ~ separation, illness, financial hardships...these are just a few of the countless challenges that may lead to surrender. These decisions are heart-wrenching and laden with grief and guilt. We don't blame or shame. Instead, we offer solace and support.

Abandonment is the harrowing alternative to surrender...a choice that should never be made!

We've rescued Golden Retrievers from the side of a highway or the depths of desolate woods, their eyes filled with pain and fear. They shiver alone in agonizing despair. We've seen it all ~ microchips cut out,

signs around their necks bearing words that cut deeper than any wound ~ 'Your Problem' or 'Free'. The heartbreak is unbearable...a fate no Golden should ever endure.

At Golden Rescue, we stand in support for those who bravely choose surrender!

We answer their call without judgment, ensuring every Golden receives the second chance they deserve.

How can you help?

Firstly, show compassion! Understand that walking in someone else's shoes often reveals unseen struggles.

And spread the word. Share our mission with friends, family, on social media, at your local vet, your groomer, and even at the dog park. Every share, every conversation, brings us closer to reaching those in need. This awareness can mean the difference between surrender and abandonment. It can save a Golden's life!

Share relentlessly and help us be the voice for those who need us most.

If you know of anyone who needs to give up their Golden, contact info@goldenrescue.ca or call 1.866.712.8444.

Golden Rescue's

SPRING ON-LINE AUCTION

June 14 – 16

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!

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!

GOLDEN ANGEL



Shadow #1342

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

Carole Wright

Carol had been following Golden Rescue on social media for about six years when her beloved Jackson crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She thought volunteering would be a good way to fill the void. So, Carol and her husband, Kelly, joined the transport team and their first transport was Charlie #4449 who they drove from London to Toronto. Two weeks later, Charlie found his forever family with Carol and Kelly. That's serendipity at its best. Carol and Kelly wanted a second Golden and have since adopted sweet Milo #4534. Both boys wiggled their way into their hearts instantly. Since then, Carol has been involved with home visits, events, and fostering. Carol joined the placement team and she is a natural... so much so that she now trains new members on the placement team. Carol loves working with Golden Rescue and it shows in everything she does. We are so fortunate to have Carol in our corner. She is a pleasure to work with and her sunny can-do attitude is infectious. Charlie and Milo are lucky and so are we.



CAROLE WITH #4534 MILO & #4449 CHARLIE





If you're lucky, a Golden Retriever will come into your life, steal your heart, and change everything.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Up, up, up. Down. To the right. Up, up. Ahhh, he always nails it."

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MEET & GREET

Toby #4622

Our sweet, gentle giant (at 110 lbs.), Sir Toby, came from the island of Antigua and has settled into Canadian life beautifully. He is amazing on the leash, hardly ever barks, and loves to snuggle from time to time. He chills a fair bit due to having heartworm; however, our vet says he's doing really well. He came with the name Lucky and although we changed his name, we believe we are the 'lucky' ones. Charlotte, his new Golden sister, agrees. She is so happy to have Toby as a brother, companion, playmate, and buddy and she has taken him under her wing to show him the ropes...introducing him to new things like snow and stairs.

Mary Anne & Oliver



HELP WANTED

EVENT COORDINATORS

We are looking for Event Coordinators (ECs) to help us run events which will help expand awareness of Golden Rescue. Strong organization and communication skills are critical for this role. Ideally, you are at the event to open and/or close it. ECs work closely with the Volunteer Coordinators and you will need to be comfortable with working with Microsoft and/or Google files. You will be provided with various resources and training to ensure you will be successful. A familiarity with Google Drive would be an asset, but not necessary. **Estimated time commitment:** 5-6 hours per event (over the course of 4-6 weeks)

FUNDRAISING TEAM MEMBERS

Golden Rescue is looking for keen and dedicated volunteers to establish a fundraising team. If you are passionate about rescue and dedicated to helping save Golden's lives, we need your ideas and energy. You will work with other like-minded volunteers to create and execute fundraising initiatives that will enhance existing programs and capitalize on our volunteer network. With a knowledge or interest in fundraising, we want volunteers with a positive can-do attitude. This team is crucial to tap into resources that we have never considered in order to keep up with the demand to rescue and save Golden's. The fundraising team will get lots of support from the Board of Directors and other teams. **Estimated time commitment:** 5-10+ hours per month

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

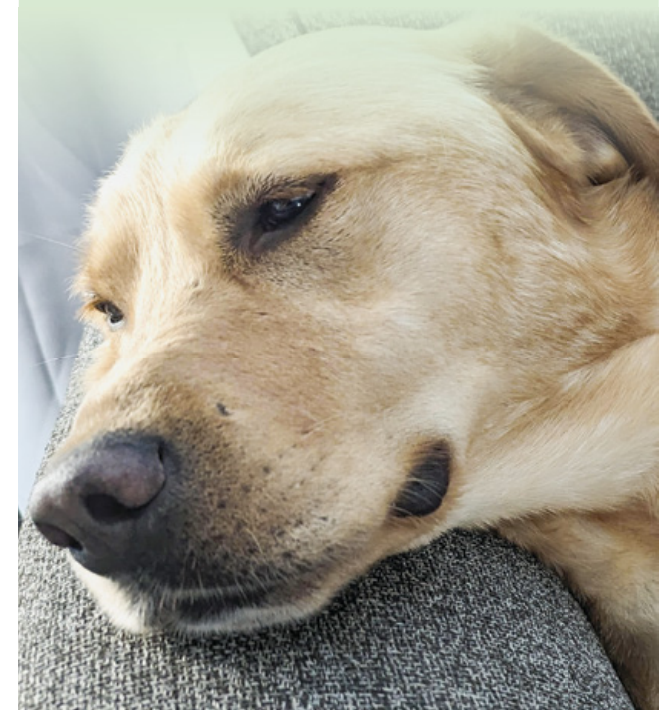
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR RESCUE!

MEET & GREET

Danny #4441

This boy had a rough start to life; however, he is now living the life he was meant to live. Our family is over-the-moon in love with him. He's such a superstar on the leash that our 3-year-old nephew could walk him. He's great with kids and always a joy! Words like 'perfect' and 'awesome' are used frequently by us to describe him.

Candace & Ian



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)



RUSTY #4398

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Abbey #4646

Adopted by Amy & Andrew

Blaine #4553

Adopted by Stephanie & Matt

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Adopted by Lisa & Adam

Casper #4617

Adopted by Nancy & Dave

Danny #4441

Adopted by Candice & Ian

Jack #4614

Adopted by Ann & John

Lilly #4571

Adopted by Sara & Leo

Millie #4654

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Milo #4630

Adopted by Debbie

Nellie #4605

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Oakley #4628

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Prince #4640

Adopted by Kevin

Rosie #4503

Adopted by Lenae & Kevin

Rudy #4606

Adopted by Lori & Harold

Theo #4635

Adopted by Jackie & Todd

Toby #4622

Adopted by Mary Anne & Oliver

FINDING
FOREVER
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DANNY #4441



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BOWIE #4615

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ADOPTION ALERTS



WE ARE AT THE END OF OUR LEASH...

We must find them homes! These four Golden Retrievers have been in our program for a long time and we're at the end of our rope...or in this case, leash. They have been living with our behaviorists (in Ontario and British Columbia) and we are getting to the point where we will be unable to keep them for much longer. We are running out of options and time is not on our side. Can you help us find them their second chance with their forever family?

Every now and then, we face challenges so, we are desperate for your help. We rarely give up on difficult cases but we're running out of ideas and options. Other rescues with fewer resources would never have been able to keep them this long.

Each one is sweetheart with people...superstars in the home ~ well behaved, happy, loving goofballs. But each one has particular needs. Please consider giving one of these four the two most precious gifts of all ~ HOPE and FAMILY. And please forward this to anyone you think might be able to help.

Please fill out an adoption application [here](#) or if you have already applied, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca to let us know who you're interested in.

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Kiki #4247

I desperately want a family to love! [Read more...](#)



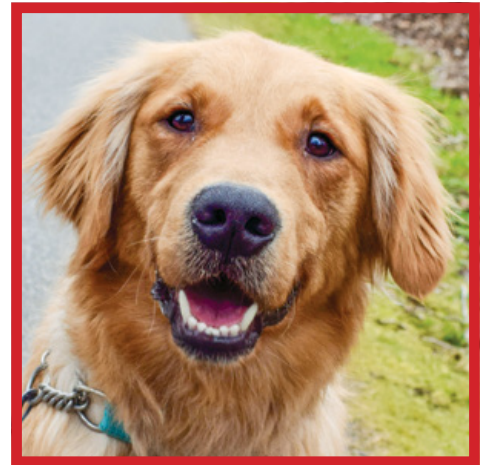
Rudy #4333

I'd love you to consider adopting me! [Read more...](#)



Sophie #4434

I'm a love-bug looking for someone to love! [Read more...](#)



Tarcin #4444

I need a calm approach and an active family! [Read more...](#)

BUSTER THE MYTHBUSTER



BUSTER #4135

Hello Pals! Buster here, ready to sniff out another myth that needs busting: the common belief that all Golden Retrievers are best buds with every dog they meet.

TODAY'S MYTH:

All Golden Retrievers Love Other Dogs

It's easy to think that us Golden Retrievers are just bundles of joy who love everyone ~ humans, dogs, cats... you name it! After all, being happy-go-lucky is kind of our thing.

Here's the heartbreaking truth: some rescued Golden Retrievers come from rough beginnings. Whether it's the scars of abuse, the loneliness of shelter life, the dangers of the streets, or the isolation of inadequate socialization, it's no surprise that there are Golden Retrievers out there who don't exactly roll over with excitement at the sight of another dog.

And guess what? It's not their fault, not one bit. Behind their hesitant glances, wary barks, and exposed teeth, lies a story of pain and fear ~ deep-seated and overwhelming. It's truly devastating, isn't it?

What's even more heartbreaking is that most Golden Rescue enthusiasts expect us all to be sunshine and rainbows with every furry friend we meet, and those of us who don't like other dogs often get overlooked for adoption.

But here's the thing: despite their wariness around other dogs, these Golden Retrievers can be incredibly loving and devoted companions to humans. They just need a special kind of family.

For starters, they need to be the only pet in the household ~ it's a given. They also need humans

who are seasoned leaders who are ready to roll up their sleeves and learn the ropes of training. Patience, commitment, and consistency are key.

Living in densely packed areas like condos or busy streets where they'd frequently encounter other dogs isn't the right atmosphere. They need a decent-sized, secure yard to call their own. Dog parks are off-limits, so a backyard where they can safely romp and roam is a dream come true.

It may be a lot to ask, and something very few can offer. However, for some humans who aren't too social themselves and prefer the quiet companionship of a Golden who also marches to the beat of their own drum, it's a match made in heaven!

And here's the part that really tugs at my furry heartstrings: the sad truth that not liking other dogs is seen as such a grave 'flaw' and some of my friends are overlooked for adoption. It's like they're stamped with the label of 'bad dogs' and that's the real whopper of a myth we're facing. It's alright to be different...they still deserve love.

So, let's spread this truth far and wide, and bark it out to everyone you meet. Let's make sure every furry friend finds their forever family.

Thanks for joining me for this enlightening discussion and stay tuned for more paw-some truths in the next edition of Buster's Myth Buster!

Woofingly yours,

Buster #4135 ~ a proud rescue Golden 🐾

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 THERE!

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.

May 25th
SUGARBUSH WINERY
Hillier (ON)
10:30 am – 5 pm

June 1st
REN'S PETS
Charlottetown (PEI)
11 am – 3 pm

June 1st
WAG-TASTIC DAY
Winchester Glen Retirement
Community, Oshawa (ON)
10 am – 2 pm

June 8th
LANGLEY COMMUNITY DAY
Langley (BC)
11 am – 3 pm

June 22nd & 23rd
WOOFSTOCK
Toronto (ON)
Sat 10 am – 7 pm
Sun 10 am – 5 pm

June 29th
COURTICE FLEA MARKET
Courtice (ON)
9 am – 4:30 pm

August 10th
BAY SUBARU CAR WASH
Belleville (ON)
Time TBD

August 17th
MUSKOKA HUNTSVILLE MARKET
Huntsville (ON)
10 am – 6 pm

August 17th
PAWLOOZA
London (ON)
9:30 am – 5 pm

September 22nd
ORMSTOWN FALL FAIR
Orms town (QC)
Time TBD

September 28th
CANADIAN TIRE TAG DAY
Sudbury (ON)
11 am – 5 pm

October 6th
PINERY MARKET BARK-TOBERFEST
Grand Bend (ON)
9 am – 4 pm

October 26th
UBC FARMERS MARKET
Vancouver (BC)
10 am – 2 pm



MEET & GREET



Robbie #4495

Robbie has adapted beautifully to life on the lake. He is sweet, affectionate, playful, and curious...absolutely everything we could have wished for. He loves people ~ all shapes, sizes, and ages. It was said he was not a fan of other dogs but so far, he has been fine with 3 out of 4 dogs he has met. He already has shown signs of loving the water as he is already paddling around in the lake. He also loves having a shower so it's official ~ Robbie is a water dog. We believe every home should have a 'Robbie'.

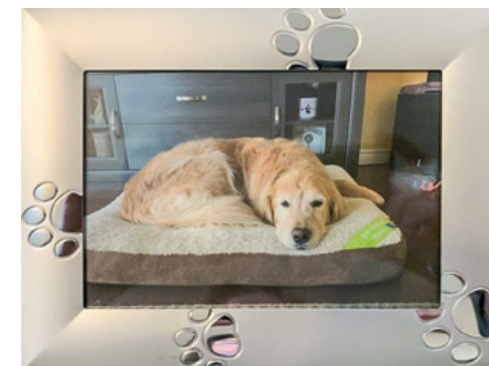
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