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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 Goldens 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 Goldens who so desperately need our help.



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### On The Cover

Maple #4461 ~ Maple bonded with her new brother, Yeti, right away on the 14-hour drive from BC to her new home in Alberta. Yeti has shown Maple the ropes and she has settled in beautifully. When she first arrived and saw our lake, we assumed she would slowly paddle around to get familiar. Not a chance ~ she fearlessly jumped right in swimming laps and chasing sticks. She is a very spirited and energetic girl and she pushes boundaries and keeps us on our toes. She is also a big cuddler and knows when any of us needs a bit of extra lovin'. Maple is an amazing big sister to Yeti and we feel so grateful that she chose us to be her forever family. Courtney & Travis

### Past, Present & Future: HAPPY READING!

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.





# **Louise Penny talks ADOPTION**

Louise Penny is here to talk about adoption and the importance of the phrase 'adopt don't shop'. As you know, Louise is a renowned and awardwinning Canadian author and Golden lover...and we are lucky to have her as our spokesperson.

On August 3rd, Louise and her Golden Muggins, adopted Hunny #4723 from Golden Rescue. Hunny and Muggins hit it off immediately and they are having a lot of fun together...much to Louise's delight.

Adopting a rescued Golden Retriever could be one of the most rewarding things you do in life! It's also a big decision with many considerations. You'll find that your Golden will quickly become an inseparable member of your family. There are many reasons to rescue but the best one is that you will be giving a deserving and beautiful creature a second chance and a loving home. Want to know what rescuing feels like? Watch it HERE!

If you are interested in adopting, please fill out an adoption application <u>here</u>.





### Hank #4336

Hank came from Cairo a couple of years ago just before the CFIA ban came into effect. This Egyptian prince is a giant, loving goofball. When he first arrived, he was very underweight and had parasites and digestive issues. He is now a healthy boy who loves his life in Nova Scotia. He iust turned four and we love him dearly.

Kate & Will





# **GOLDEN ANGEL**

MEET & GREET

### Nala #4146

Nala has been with us for two years and we couldn't be happier. She has the sweetest demeanor and loves all people and dogs. Her favourite snack is celery but in fairness she will eat anything. Her best friend is our Golden Doodle and they love playing together in the backyard and going for walks...or going anywhere our adventures take us. Nala loves to swim when we go up north and she's also a champion cuddler who loves to sleep on the couch or in bed with us. She loves sports and has even gone to a football game (the Buffalo Bill's is her favourite team). In fairness, we're not sure whether she loves football or just loves being wherever we are. Nala is amazing and we love her to bits.

Sarah & Stephen

Meet outstanding volunteers ~ golden angels with golden hearts!

## **Alyssa Gagnier & David Elliot**

Alyssa and David are guintessential Golden Angels as they do so much for Golden Rescue that it's difficult to summarize in this short piece. With the help of their two Goldens, Stanley and Jack, they have fostered numerous Goldens, preparing them for their future journeys. Alyssa and David attribute their successful fostering to Stanley and Jack's help as they welcome and guide all their fosters into becoming the best versions of themselves. They truly believe that they play an integral role in mentoring and supporting their fosters. There was a time when they had three overlapping fosters ~ Rosie, Squidward, and Buoy, all in their home at one time. Now that's commitment...not to mention a furry handful. When one of their fosters, Gracie #4580, escaped from her new adopter's home, they drove two hours in the middle of the night to help. They stayed for three days until Gracie, upon hearing David's voice, surrendered herself. What a heartwarming and exhausting moment that was. Apart from fostering, this busy couple do transports, volunteer at events, and they are now officially on the search & rescue team. They are such great fosters that we asked Alyssa to be a foster mentor. How they pack all this in is a mystery; however, we are grateful recipients of Alyssa and David's tireless and passionate efforts. Thank you and your boys so much ~ it's truly a pleasure to have you on our team.







# Search & Rescue Team

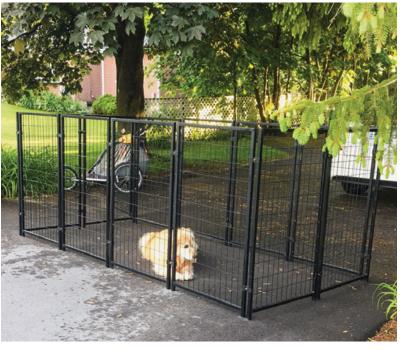
### Introducing Golden Rescue's team & the 'Gracie Trap'

Golden Rescue now has their very own Search & Rescue team and the 'Gracie Trap' ready to be deployed should the unfortunate need arise. The 'Gracie Trap' is a sensor trap very similar to the Missy Trap IV that is used by Golden Retriever Rescue in the U.S.

In the spring of 2023, we borrowed two traps. The first one was a box trap, which was not adequate in size to contain our Golden but was the only unit available to us at the time. 24 hours later, we were able to loan a sensor trap from across the province. Golden Rescue's transport team did an amazing job of relaying the unit; however, these traps have become scarce and are often in use, so one may not be available when we need it.

Earlier this year, Gracie, a recently adopted Golden, broke free from her owner and once again we had to rely on the loan of a trap. Gracie was a puppy mill Golden and there was consensus amongst the team that a box trap was not going to work. So, the Search & Rescue team helped secure Gracie and then went to work on sourcing components to build our own trap, which we named after Gracie.

With our ever-increasing number of Goldens across the country, we are now prepared for any



event, which may require a sensor trap. We also have a host of drone pilots at the ready should we need them.

Golden Rescue's Search & Rescue Team ~ Lynn Harding, Kevin McLaughlin, David Elliott, Alyssa Elliott & Suzanne Hurst

"When the call comes, your life goes on hold and you dedicate your total time until you get an answer." Kevin McLaughlin, Golden Rescue



## **GOLDEN JOY**

The gaze of my Golden Retriever has made me a golden believer

The love that we share as into eyes we can stare has made me a golden receiver

I am blessed with their love and adoration, am blessed with the heart of our lions

Gives peace in my heart and a place to restart. Love, Peace, and Joys: Time to play with their toys

My Golden Retriever makes the best companionability ~ the love that we share is firm and it's fair

With the gift of some kibble upon which they nibble, they help me make the best of capability

The best I can say is that I hope that they stay long with my heart's viability!

Many thanks to Cello, Muppet & Kaladar for their daily inspiration!

**Andrew** 





## **Tick Repelling Plants**

Ticks are not only annoying parasites but also carriers of dangerous diseases. One of the ways you can protect your pets in your yard is by planting tick-repelling plants. Some plants have intense aromas that ticks do not like. Planting them in the garden can effectively reduce the population of ticks. Here are a few of the most common plants that reduce ticks plus they are lovely plants to have in your garden:

**ROSEMARY** ~ its intense smell effectively repels ticks and is also a beautiful addition to any garden

**LAVENDER** ~ not only smells and looks lovely to humans, it also repels ticks and mosquitoes

**BASIL** ~ its intense aroma repels ticks and also has culinary uses

**THYME** ~ also unfriendly to ticks

**MINT** ~ its fresh scent repels many insects, including ticks

# **DO-IT-YOURSELF EVENTS**

Golden Rescue never wants to stop creating awareness for our rescue mission. Spreading the word is key to finding new volunteers, fosters, supporters...and for raising funds to help our rescues.

Here's where you come in! Create your own event and we'll help if you need anything ~ promoting the event on social media, sending promotional materials to you for the event, and possibly giving you access to volunteers if you need extra hands. Here are some event ideas:

**BAKE SALE:** Organize a bake sale where you and friends/family bake goods to sell. Or your kids can set up a classic lemonade stand.

**CAR WASH:** Set up a car wash in a busy area and ask for donations in exchange for washing cars. It's a great opportunity to hand out our brochures to bring awareness to our mission.

**FUN RUN OR WALKATHON:** Host a local run or walkathon charging an entry fee.

**YARD SALE:** Collect donated items from friends and neighbours and hold a yard sale, with all profits going to GR.

**TALENT SHOW:** Arrange a talent show or an evening of music where audience members pay for tickets. It's a great opportunity to introduce some of our Goldens and tell some rescue stories.

**CRAFT FAIR:** Host a fair where local artisans can sell their crafts with a portion of the proceeds going to charity.

**COOK-OFF:** Organize a cooking competition with participants paying an entry fee and attendees paying to taste and vote on dishes.

**SPORTS/GAMES TOURNAMENT:** Set up a sports or games tournament (soccer, basketball, euchre, games night) and charge an entry fee. Goldens can play a part and be greeters.

**DANCE-A-THON:** Host a dance marathon where participants get sponsored for every hour they dance.

## OR CREATE YOUR OWN EVENT...THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Each event can be tailored to suit the interests and strengths of you and your community, ensuring maximum participation and awareness/fundraising success. Contact Michelle at <a href="mailto:goldenrescuediy@gmail.com">goldenrescuediy@gmail.com</a> with your ideas and how we can help.

**STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Students can fulfill their service hours with this initiative. Golden Rescue would be happy to verify volunteer hours.









### **CLICK HERE** TO JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

We send out regular Adoption Alerts and eblasts for News & Events...

#### AND NOW, OUR FREE GUARDIAN!

Sign up by going to the website. In the top right-hand corner of each page, click on 'Join our mailing list' and follow the prompts. You will then always be 'in-the-know' about Golden news!

#### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**











'Like' us on Facebook and 'Follow' us on Threads, Instagram, and Pinterest to stay up-to-date on what's happening with Golden Rescue.

Visit our website and click on the icons to stay connected!

## Molly #4567

Hi ~ I just wanted to let you know how I'm doing. My mommy says I am the best little girl ever. I never had a mommy before and I now know it's because I was waiting for my mommy to come and get me. She helps me to be brave and I love snuggling with her. And I'm so brave now! I go out in the big scarv world and run like the wind! But I always come when my mommy calls me and she says I have a big smile on my face and it makes her smile. I'm still a big scaredy cat of my leashes but my



mommy is helping me with that. I've even gone for some short car rides with my sisters and have met some of my mommy's students. She tells the kids all about us and GR, so I guess we are kinda famous! I'm so happy that my mommy is home for summer vacation because I get sad when she gets ready on school days. I cry when she comes home to me. My big sisters have helped me be brave in her absence. I like to bark at stuff with them (mostly coyotes and deer in our backyard) and Kiymetli and I like to run around together outside. She has helped me learn the boundaries of her 'princess-land'. Gameela shares toys and beds with me, but I really love snuggling in my mommy and daddy's big bed ~ it's the best. And my bestie is a German Shepard named Blaze. He and I play and sleep together. I'm such a happy girl. I know I am safe and loved. I now know what it's like to be part of a family. I'm so grateful to all of my friends at Golden Rescue for helping my mommy find me.

Love, Molly



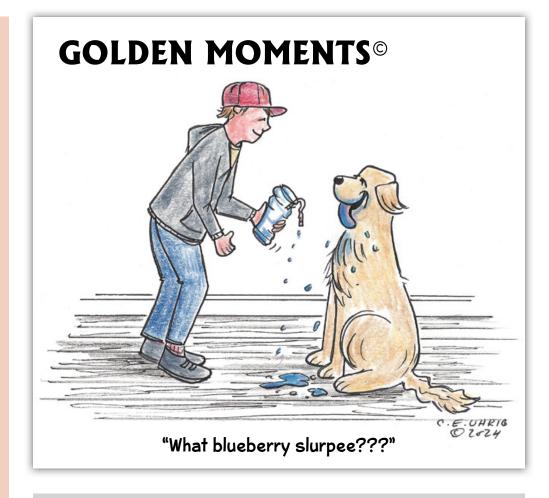
# Maverick #4521

Maverick is the most incredible boy and we absolutely adore him. He is a wonderful addition to our family. He is the most loving, affectionate, and wellmannered puppy ever who gets along extremely well with our Egyptian Princess Abby #3093, who is also amazing and the most easy-going girl. They are often found cuddling or cleaning each other. This boy is obsessed with the water at the lake. He has learned quickly where he is allowed to go without permission and when he has to wait for approval. He is the smartest, most affectionate Golden boy ever and incredibly wellbehaved. He actually shocks us as to how well he listens. We absolutely adore him and are obsessed with everything about him. We are truly blessed.

**Laurie & Brad** 











# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

#### **Chester #4713** Adopted by Pete

### **Dixie #4717**

Adopted by Christine & Chris

#### **Frankie #4715**

Adopted by Jennifer & Kyle

#### Griswold #4705

Adopted by Renate & Doug

#### **Jenny #4575**

Adopted by Roni & Darrell

#### Kiki #4247

Adopted by Jean & Warren

#### Lacev #4665

Adopted by Carole & Michael

#### Lulu #4703

Adopted by Judy & Bill

#### **Rosie #4692**

Adopted by Natalie & **F**douard

#### Savannah #4707

Adopted by Joan & John

#### **Sophie #4434**

Adopted by Edward

#### Vicki #4714

Adopted by Barbara

#### Willow #4637

Adopted by Sara







## **FINDING FOREVER FAMILIES**











GOLDEN RESCUE

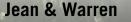






# **MEET & GREET** Kiki #4247

Kiki was on the GR website for close to a year because she doesn't get along with some dogs. She is a sweetheart and although we've only had her for a few months, she has settled into our home wonderfully. We are starting to understand the dogs she likes and doesn't like. She does best with dogs who are calm and surprisingly she has even given one a few kisses. This is very encouraging. We understand that Kiki will be a work-inprogress; however, Kiki is worth the effort and we're sure she will succeed. She may never like all dogs...but hey, we don't like all people either.









# THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

# Come & Shop



Check out the store for many GREAT products for all Golden lovers!













**NOTECARDS** 



Are you someone who enjoys spending a great deal of time outdoors with your Golden but are constantly worried about ticks? If you are, we have an innovative product that is convenient, safe (chemical free), and easy-to-use to remove ticks from you and your Golden. Introducing the TiCK MiTT! Simply place your hand in the Tick Mitt and rub through your Golden's fur slowly and thoroughly, paying close attention to their head and neck. For humans, thoroughly rub the Tick Mitt over your entire body as you visually check for any loose or embedded ticks. After use, place your Tick Mitt in the mesh bag that it comes with and put it in the dryer on high for ten minutes to kill any ticks. Dispose of the ticks and your Tick Mitt is ready to be used again. You can now enjoy the outdoors with peace of mind.

#### **NEW THIS MONTH: TREAT POUCH**



The popular **TREAT POUCH** is back in stock so order yours soon. And our new **NOTECARDS** will put a smile on your face.

#### **GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE AVAILABLE!**

Click <u>here</u> OR scan our QR code!

HAPPY SHOPPING & THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





# From My End of the Leash: Annabelle #3257: Byte 6

#### **DOMAIN & DIVERSION**

There's been a hiatus in our doghouse. I've been given more time for literary awareness and enthusiasm. I don't mind practice and learning and allowing ideas to percolate and blossom into reality.

This very import from Egypt almost five years ago is not about to erase her individuality and interpretation of life sometimes experienced at the end of her leash. I exaggerate for effect, admittedly. I need to draw attention to the abundance of international Goldens awaiting the nod to enter Canada. This perplexing delay is pitiful and irresponsible and my sleep is often interrupted by disturbing dreams of Goldens losing hope.

In my spare time, I've been reading Golden Rescue's sunny work of art, The Guardian... actually glued to it at times: well not literally, although to the extent of ignoring my matronly mistress. So many volunteers and so much hope, joy, concern, and endeavour. A splendid read to be sure. A Golden just devours such a publication devoted and dedicated to us.

As much as I delight being a Golden girl, I do admit being inquisitive about other species that roam about my prettily enclosed backyard. There are other animals that inhabit this world and they deserve comment and attention, appreciation, and wonder. Inclusiveness is definitely de rigueur... and I have a feeling there is a lot to learn.

All kinds of cuties scurry about my amazing green and glorious romping territory. I positively regard them as valued friends. They can do things I



cannot. There is such a variety of entertainment ~ they scoot along branches like trapeze artists, make nests, navigate through branch limbs, make homes in the ground, play hide-and-seek, and sing lyrical melodies...quite the variety of vaudevillian entertainment. Life is not boring with friends so talented and willing to perform. I am quite socialized, given my garden friends.

My vantage point on any given day is my choice ~ a covered deck, the screened porch, the mossy grass, hidden holes beneath a shrub or in the flower garden. Of late, impacting, enervating, stifling heat and humidity have settled upon our land. It can be quite prohibitive to walks, exercise, comfort, and even breathing. Is my age showing? If so, my writing colleague is not getting any younger either. I've noticed some slowing down of late: hers and mine. Sadly.

And that brings me to an irritant for my adorable fur-mom as she figures a person's age is their own concern. Privacy and respect are expected.

Old-school, perhaps. Interestingly, a friend's experience in that very vein has been dragged into our doghouse for discussion. Seems our friend has practically disowned her own daughter for committing a distinct and public faux pas, on social media of all things.

It's important for you to realize my mistress abhors social media in all its forms. Naturally, her friend's incident proved most unpopular and hurtful as the daughter had told the world her mother's age...actually adding four years for good measure...for effect. One might as well have written it on the front page in gigantic print. Not at all surprising that displeasure erupted. What's acceptable to some is catastrophic to others.

Perhaps, such audacity cannot be easily forgotten or forgiven. It might be retained as an inerasable and calamitous judgement call. Luckily, I have learned vicariously about the sensibilities of others, yet we all make mistakes. Neon lights are not always successful in their intent. Some things are best re-examined before they make it to print. I must remember to consider the consequences before committing thoughts to the laptop screen. After all, I do depend on someone for my food, caresses, warmth in winter, and coolness in summer. We are all dependent on someone...and always sensitive to something.

On that note, I'd best get on with other duties and interests. I detoured but one does write whatever interrupts thought and dictates diversion. Until next epistle... a happy and safe autumn to all my Golden friends.

With love, Annabelle #3257 👺



# **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!



#### **September 21st**

Annual Golden Rescue Picnic & TWO Guinness World Record attempts

Viamede Resort Woodview (ON) 10 am – 5 pm

#### September 22nd

Ormstown Fall Fair Ormstown (QC) 9 am – 4 pm

#### September 22nd

Ottawa Farmers'
Market
Barrhaven (ON)
10 am – 3 pm

#### **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

#### October 26th

Ottawa Farmers Market Westboro (ON) 10 am – 3 pm

# November 30th & December 1st

Muskoka Market: Huntsville Holiday Edition Huntsville (ON)

## Weekends in December

The Oshawa Markets Oshawa (ON)



## Piper #4685

Piper is absolutely living her best life. She loves the cottage so much that when it is time to get in the truck to go home, she lays on her back because she does not want to leave. When I see Piper so happy hanging out by the lake with her brother Chudleigh, I can't help but imagine what her previous life was like for her first three years (apparently at a puppy mill). Without the help of everyone at Golden Rescue, she would have never gotten this opportunity at a wonderful life. It now makes me want to help out in any way possible.

**Andy** 





# Largest Cake for Dogs & Largest Dog Wedding Ceremony



# LOOK WHO'S COMING TO THE FABULOUS, FUN-FILLED...



SATURDAY
September 21st
10am – 5pm

Golden Rescue is going to attempt <u>two</u> **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS**™ titles at the picnic and we need YOU to make it a success!

ONE: WEDDING PAIRS ~ to beat 178 wedding pairs we need a minimum of 360 dogs (please bring wedding attire for your dog ~ can be a simple veil or bow tie). Wedding certificates will be given to all brides & grooms.

TWO: LARGEST DOG CAKE ~ the current record is 311lbs. We are going to have a wedding cake at the event (we're attempting a 350lb cake & you can go home with a piece for your furbaby ~ let them eat cake, right?)

#### **GUINNESS WORLD RECORD® ATTEMPTS WILL BEGIN AT 1:30PM**

Cobalt #3707 & Lemmy #4701 have been saving their cookie money and will donate \$20,000 to Golden Rescue if these records are broken!

PLEASE SPREAD THIS FAR & WIDE. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RECRUIT GOLDENS/DOGS TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO BREAK THE CURRENT RECORDS.





9 am Registration begins 10 am Hike with Ben &

Cobalt #3707 & Lemmy #4702

10:30 am Leave It or Steal It game

12 noon Lunch is served

12:30 pm Opening Ceremonies &

Rainbow Bridge Memorial

1:30 pm Wedding preparations

Wedding procession begins 2 pm 3 pm Wedding Ceremony & cake

presentation

4 pm Best-dressed bride & groom

contest

#### COST

\$15 per person or \$30 per family (includes BBQ lunch)

#### **RSVP IMPERATIVE**

By email: picnic@goldenrescue.ca

The picnic is generously hosted by: Viamede Resort & Land'escapes on Stoney Lake near Peterborough, ON www.viamede.com





# ADOPTION ALERT!

Please consider giving one of these boys the family they are yearning for. We are desperate to find them forever families.





## **RUDY #4333**

- Smart, affectionate & loving
- Needs a fenced vard ~ a rural property with room to run would be ideal
- No other dogs or cats ~ Rudy is dominant Golden with a high prev drive

Read all about Rudy here.



### **ZEUS #4545**

- A big goofball with a big heart
- Loves all people & does a happy dance when he meets you
- Not a fan of other dogs ~ walking with a gentle leader works well
- No other pets in the home
- Someone home more often than not is ideal.

Read all about sweet Zeus here.



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.



