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#### The Front Cover

**Bentley #1664** ~ Bentley, Mr. B or just plain 'Bent' came into our lives as a foster, and as a very unique character, just before Christmas 2012. After taking several months for a severe ear infection to clear up, he made it very clear to us that he had found his forever family...here with us! His goofy, bouncy, easy going, tigger behaviour captured our hearts. Bentley had never shown much interest in the water but when we took our three resident Goldens, along with our foster, for a swim, he just dove right in (much to our surprise)!

Cheryl-Anne, John, Jenny & Cher

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We carefully screen all incoming dogs for socially acceptable behaviour and approve those whom we feel we can responsibly place. We provide spay/neuter service, micro-chipping, and all the necessary veterinary care required to place them with their Forever Families.

We provide public education by means of brochures, an informative and entertaining website and newsletter, public/media appearances, and canine educational events, which focus on responsible pet ownership and in particular, the Golden Retriever breed.

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We would like to thank all of our contributing writers and photographers... too many to list. Betty, who loves her furkids, has given up many weekends and evenings to design and assemble this newsletter so that we Golden lovers can read all about the golden world we live in.



Betty with Denver, Shadow #1342 & Kona



# **Aggression Towards Other Dogs**

By Susanne Johnson, Alpha Owners Professional Dog Training & Services

Dogs show signs of aggression towards other dogs for many reasons. Regardless of the reason, we must stop the behaviour and help them learn their role in your household and in society. I believe a dog's role is to enhance our lives with love and enjoyment (not including working dogs ~ therapy dogs who have been trained for a specific purpose). If your dog feels the need to attack, nip or interrupt any other dog fight/play date, etc., it shows that your dog has stopped following your leadership and has decided to take control of the situation.

Before a dog EARNS the right to be offleash, your dog should be displaying calm, submissive behaviour both at home and during your leashed walks. This means your dog makes regular eye contact with you, allows you to enter doors and walkways first, and in general looks to you for leadership throughout the day. During walks, your dog makes regular eye contact with you, looks to you for direction at corners and crosswalks, and can walk past dogs and/or passers-by with a look of interest, maybe a quick sniff, without breaking stride. A walk is a time for you and your dog to bond and get some exercise.

If your dog does things like (one, some or all of these): rushes the food bowl, barks at the door, acts extremely excited before walks and pulls you down the street, barks at dogs while on walks or lunges towards them, barks at the door or at people/animals in front of the house and doesn't calm down on your first command, stands between you and someone you are talking with, mounts, scratches the grass after pees and poops, pees on every tree, bush, and telephone pole or poops up or against trees...you are not the leader in the relationship and your dog has not earned the right to play off leash. To ensure you are the alpha/leader and your dog understands and respects your role in the pack, try these activities regularly until you are confident you have your dog's undivided attention:

**Primal feeding** ~ dogs eat last! A dogs eating routine is a clear indicator of who is the boss in the household. In a perfect world, walk your dog, eat your breakfast, and then feed the dog...for all meals. If that doesn't work in your household, at least make sure you eat first and the dog eats second. At no point ever does your dog eat first – especially if you have children! During dog meals, touch the food, hand feed or groom them during meal times. This shows the dog that you own the food!

**Space Respect** ~ humans lead, canines follow. Each time you pass through a door, travel up or down the stairs or fit through tight areas (like parked cars) your dog should follow you, NOT lead. Practice this at home with the leash on – walk around the house and step in front of the dog before entering doorways and flights of stairs. Stand with a broad chest to your dog, looking away. Once your dog sits on his own, without a command and with loving eyes, look at your dog and then proceed to walk through the doorway. Your dog should be behind you at all times. Practice with the front door, the door you go through to start your walks, etc. This teaches your dog patience and teaches them to follow.

**Dogs must be INVITED onto furniture** ~ teach an 'off' command while you gently tug them by the collar off the couch or bed. If you want to cuddle, go to the dog's level on the floor OR if you really love having your dog on the furniture, invite your dog into your space by patting the couch or bed. Interrupt demanding attention ~ when you are sitting quietly, choose when you want to interact with your dog by initiating the cuddle time or play time. If your dog approaches you, ignore him or give a 'leave it' command. Do not make eye contact...just look away. If your dog continues to hassle you, say 'leave it' in a firm voice and stand up with broad shoulders, looking away until your dog sits and looks at you with loving eyes. Staring your dog down gives them all the power and puts you in a submissive position.

**Obsessive behaviour** ~ when your dog obsesses at the window and/or door by whining, barking or flailing frantically, interrupt the behaviour. Stand in front of your dog quietly, with broad shoulders, looking away. Give a 'leave it' command, and if need be, hold the collar while you look away. For dogs that get really worked up, try standing in front of your dog, click the leash on and then begin to walk forward, which is actually pushing your dog backwards. This will help create space between your dog and the stressful situation. Continue to hold the collar or leash, maintaining a broad chest and looking away, until your dog sits and looks at you with kind eyes. Once your dog looks at you, return the look and say 'good boy'. Continue every time your dog barks at the door or window so your dog learns that it is unacceptable each and every time...not just sometimes.

**Marking** ~ dogs mark their territory for many reasons and healthy marking is okay and necessary for your dog to have a canine role in your community. Marking lets all the other dogs know that he/she is part of the neighborhood, which actually helps dogs identify each other once they actually meet.



# Simba #1869

Simba here. Thank you soooooooo much for finding me my new family! I am still settling in but my Golden heart says I think I will stay. I have nice blankets everywhere in my house to lay on and sleep as well as mom's bed. My new mom and dad tell me all the time that they love me so much and I am such a handsome, sweet boy. I have all kinds of toys but I am not sure what to do with them yet but I'm learning to play with them. I get a nice brush every day and my dad walks me in the big park across from our house every day. Mom has been changing me over to the yummiest food a Golden could ask for. We are going tomorrow to meet my new vets ~ I hope I like them. Mom says I should because they are caring and loving humans and they will help me if I ever get sick. I love my big backyard and I have four canine friends next door. So far I am loving all the new people I am meeting. I am still not too sure about meeting other dogs but I hope that will change with time. Thank you Golden Rescue for helping me and my other Golden brothers and sisters find their forever families!

Love to all, Simba xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo

BUT, obsessive marking is unacceptable. Allow your dog to mark two or three times throughout the entire walk...perhaps at the beginning, middle, and end of the walk. When your dog pees or poops, do not let them 'throw' their scent. This is a sign of a territorial dog and usually a sign that he doesn't respect your leadership. As your dog begins to scratch the grass, give a 'leave it' command and do a leash correction (light tug on the leash), poop and scoop, and be on your way.

**Pushy dogs** ~ have you ever noticed that your dog sits on your feet or stands between you and other dogs or people you are socializing with? This is not a sign of affection, believe it or not, it is a clear message from your dog that he is protecting you by creating a barrier between you and the enemy! If your dog does this, simply say 'ah ah' and step in front of your dog.

**Passing other dogs while on leash** ~ When you are walking with your dog, your dog should maintain the same stride you have and be able to sniff the air, look with interest, and keep on walking. Your dog does not have to stop and say hello to every dog you pass or growl or bark and carry on with demanding behaviour. As you pass other dogs, you can do a few things ~ hold a treat in front of their nose so your dog pays attention to the treat, squeak a toy or bring out a ball or take leadership of the situation by standing between your dog and the distraction (in this case, the other dog passing by) standing with broad shoulders, looking away, until your dog sits and looks at you with kind eyes, ready to follow. For frantic dogs, this may take awhile, so you have to be committed to the process and willing to win! It's best to practice indoors until your dog gets the idea that each time you stand in front of him, the proper response is to sit and look at you for direction. This technique works and it is extremely effective.

Excellent Recall ~ before a dog gets to enjoy a leash-free life, whether at a dog park or not, he must respond to the 'come' command 100% of the time. A dog who comes is a dog who understands that you are more fun than any other distraction in the world ~ even another dog eating a T-bone steak who is willing to share! To ensure you have great recall, practice indoors first. Put the leash on and hold the end of the leash, say 'come' and lightly tug the end of the leash driving your dog towards you. You can walk backwards to help your dog understand that he's to follow you. As your dog approaches, show him a treat and draw the treat to your groin area. Once your dog reaches the treat, say 'good dog, good come' and let the dog have the treat. Walk away and do the exact same thing in different areas of

the house. If your dog ignores you, say 'ah ah' and put the treat on the end of his nose and as they follow the treat say 'come' and only release the treat into the dogs mouth once the dog is very close to you. Once your dog gets the hang of this inside the house, practice outside in the yard, on your walks, slowly lengthening the leash to a rope and with all sorts of distractions including dogs, squirrels, balls, children at the park, etc. Once you are confident with the long line recall, try an off leash recall in a fenced area like a baseball diamond. Make sure you follow through with the 'come' command. If you say it ONCE, you must commit to following through ensuring your dog listens 100% of the time. When your dog has earned the right to be leash-free (and you can confidently check off all the points from the above), then you can take a trip to the leash-free park. Please remember, that leash free parks are 'use at your own risk'. I caution anyone who uses them regularly for a few reasons ~ you can control your dog but you can't control/predict someone else's dog. It only takes one dog fight to completely change the personality of your dog thus having to go back to basics with your dog and undo learned behaviours and you can't guarantee that all the dogs that play at a leash-free park are healthy. If you choose to visit a dog park, I would suggest ensuring the following:

When you arrive at the park, ensure your dog is in a calm state of mind before letting them out of the car and again before you allow them to pass through the gate into the park. Remember, as the leader you should go through the gate first and your dog follows you as his leader.

Once inside the park, I recommend leaving the leash on while you walk the perimeter of the park. This is very important as you are 'claiming' the space as your own. Do not let your dog mark his territory by peeing at this time.

Once you have marked your territory, I encourage you to interact with your dog. Throw the ball and play with your dog in a far corner away from the other dogs. This encourages interaction between you and your dog and reminds your dog that you are fun!

Once you have finished your play, I recommend you give your dog a 'go play' command. Regularly through the play session, practice a recall or interrupt your dog's fun with the other dogs and initiate play again with your dog. This will continue to help your dog remember that you are there and that you are the leader and he needs to listen to you at all times.

As your dog meets new dogs or reacquaints himself with familiar dogs, you want to see

both parties circle each other sniffing each others' bums. Sniffing is essential for a successful canine relationship. It helps the dogs sort out the good guys from the bad guys. When a dog is sniffed from behind, it relieves tension and reduces the chances of a fight. Make note of the dogs that don't allow your dog to sniff their hind end and limit play with those dogs ~ they are holding tension and chances are they will respond to undesirable behaviour aggressively.

If you ever see mounting, correct it! Do not let your dog mount or be mounted. This is dominant behaviour and I consider it bullying. Dogs play by rolling, tugging, chasing, prancing, clanging their teeth together, and chewing on each other. Mounting is not play and should be discouraged at all times!

Once a group of dogs have played and bonded, they begin to form an 'informal' pack. It is very important that you remind your dog that you are the leader by continually interrupting the play, removing your dog from the play regularly, and giving a command to invite him back into the play. If you see rough play begin, whether with or without your dog involved, ensure you get control of your dog immediately, BEFORE he decides to go see what is going on. Give a strong 'leave it' command, tap your dog on the hind end so he looks at you, and lure your dog out of the situation with a treat or a favorite toy. If your dog decides to ignore you, you have a problem! I would highly recommend ending off-leash play. If your dog responds to you, draw it out of the situation with lots of praise and reward and move to another area in the park or leave the park playing all the way to the car, ensuring your dog has a positive association with leaving the park.

If your dog engages in a fight, you must be very careful! Once a dog commits to a fight, they won't necessarily decipher between human and canine body parts. You could put yourself at risk of getting seriously hurt if you get between dogs in a fight. The moments after a dogfight are crucial to your dog's future encounters with other canines. The last thing you want is a dog who looks for trouble, becomes a bully or self-protects by using fear-related aggression. If your dog engages in a fight, it is recommended to seek help from a professional dog trainer. If not handled properly, this behaviour could escalate to becoming your dog's behaviour of choice.

Leadership has to start at home. It has to be something that is consistent in your dog's life at all times. When your dog understands his role in your pack, unwanted behaviours naturally go away and your dog becomes confident and is willing to follow, whether on or off the leash.



# Help Wanted Help us help Goldens ~ consider volunteering!

Thank you! Your efforts allow us to grow and continue to be Canada's largest not-for-profit single-breed rescue organization. Without you and all that you give to this organization, we would not exist! Consider volunteering your time and passion! If you're interested in any of these positions, simply get in touch and let's chat!

#### Drivers (Transport)

#### Urgent needs in northern Ontario

Would you be willing to pick up and transfer our precious Golden cargo? If so, please let us know your geographical boundaries, availability, and whether you have a crate if necessary. Please e-mail <u>transport@goldenrescue.net</u>.

#### **Foster Team Members**

There are many elements to bringing a new foster on board. You would represent Golden Rescue and interview potential fosters, make arrangements for home visits, and recommend homes based on needs assessments for incoming Goldens. Please take a look at our foster application, which will familiarize you with what we look for and if you would like to help, please e-mail <u>foster@golden-rescue.net</u>.

# Fundraising Information Coordinators

These roles are more about providing fundraising information and third-party event support ~ not actual fundraising. We have supporters/potential donors seeking information on how they can donate or how much a typical donation might be, how to leave a bequest, etc. Others may have a fundraising idea that requires our guidance, support or marketing materials. In other words, you become, in time, our go-to person and information provider to those who enquire and want to help. If you're interested in being a member of this team, please email board@golden-rescue.net.

#### **Volunteer Coordinators**

The Volunteer Coordinator is one of the most important roles on Golden Rescue's event team, as volunteers are our greatest asset. As a volunteer coordinator, you would maintain our list of volunteers who wish to help out at our events. Partnering with an event coordinator, you will put out a call for volunteers for your event using our broadcast system, arrange schedules, provide instructions to volunteers, supply guidelines and support, and ask volunteers to post on Facebook/Twitter about their experience, hopefully with a photo or two they may have taken while at the event. The volunteer coordinator has to enjoy communicating with people via email and phone and have a friendly nature. If interested, please email Karen, our volunteer coordinator team lead at karen@goldenrescue.net and she will be happy to get back to you with more information.

# THANK YOU for coming to our rescue...

## **SCANNER WANTED!!!**

#### (machine...not human (9)

We are trying to go paperless. We have over 1,800 files that we are wanting to put into our database. Each file has between one and 50 pages. At the moment, our Archive Director and Toby #422 (the Archive Director's assistant) use a scanner that does one page at a time...so you can imagine how long this will take us to complete (especially in dog years). There are a number of multi-page scanners where large files can be 'zipped' and emailed (i.e. 'Neat Desk' scanner) that would save us literally hundreds of hours. We are hoping you either have one you could donate or you know of an organization we could approach. Please contact <u>board@golden-rescue.net</u> if you can come to Toby's assistance.

> Sam is one of the Goldens in our NEW Golden Rescue 2014 Calendar!

# PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A FOSTER HOME!

Fast and furiously, we continue to have Goldens coming into our care! We urgently need foster homes throughout Ontario. Fostering a Golden and helping him/her through a transitional phase is an incredibly rewarding feeling because you're the first step in their new life. If you are interested in fostering, please fill out a foster application online today. Once you've filled out an application, a volunteer will contact you to clarify any points, answer any questions you might have, and arrange a home visit. If we don't have enough foster homes, we may have to turn away a Golden who needs us! Please help NOW!

Fill out an adoption application online at www.goldenrescue.ca/support-us/foster

Sam #1734

Tyson #11834 with Dallas



# Meet & Greet Tyson #1834

It took us a full year to decide whether to get another Goldie, because it is a huge commitment. You are either all in or all out when you bring a dog home. We had three Goldies and lost two three months apart, leaving our third

After losing our Golden, Newman, to cancer, we were devastated. Our rescued cat Zoe was beside herself. We took Zoe to the vet and she was diagnosed as mourning the loss of Newman once other causes were ruled out. Zoe was put on tranquilizers for a month which settled her down, but she clearly wasn't her old self. It was obvious that Zoe still missed her playmate. We waited about six months to make sure we were making the right decision and started looking at the Golden Rescue website. We met Bailey and she was very friendly. We arranged to have Bailey and Zoe meet under carefully controlled conditions and they immediately bonded. It has now progressed to the point that Zoe will groom Bailey's face and sleep cuddled with her. The only issue we had to deal with was separation anxiety. Bailey would not let us out of her sight for the first few weeks, but with the help of our vet, a thundershirt, and the temporary use of drugs, we were able to overcome the problem by gradually increasing the duration of our absences. Bailey can now be left alone without any problem. Bailey and Zoe made the car trip to Florida with us to our winter home and enjoyed laying in the sun in the lanai watching the birds landing in nearby water. Bailey loves to walk and adores car rides. I take her in our convertible and she likes to smell all the different scents, especially when we pass a restaurant!

#### Jackie & Jerry

Golden, Dallas, very lonely. Once we looked at the Golden Rescue website and decided to take on another companion, we filled out an application. We have had several abused dogs over the years and we think that helped in the decision to take a chance with Tyson. Once meeting him at his foster home with our dog Dallas, it was a no-brainer for us. Once we brought him home, all he wanted to do was run and chase squirrels and rabbits in the backyard. We took a chance with leaving him loose in the house when we went to work and we're convinced that Dallas' calming influence really helped Tyson settle in. The change in him is really astounding ~ you can see his confidence and sense of security... knowing he is 'home'. All the time is play time and just the look on his face and his body language from a simple hug and a pat



make it all worth it. Some of his demons flare up now and again but are getting fewer and farther between. Many thanks to the Golden Rescue network.

#### Russ, Nancy, Dallas & Tyson

See Tyson in our NEW 2014 Calendar!

## Meet & Greet Bailey #1738



# **ADOPTION ALERT** Savannah #1826

Hi everybody. My name is Savannah and I'm a three-year-old girl...a particularly happy girl since I met everyone at Golden Rescue...especially my wonderful foster dad. The only problem is he has been looking for my forever home for quite a while and hasn't been able to find one yet. I love him so much but I don't want him to get discouraged. I have been working hard on my commands and I think I'm doing really well. Even the leash thing is coming along. If you are looking for a loving, cuddly, reasonably well behaved Golden, then I'm your girl, although I do need to be the ONLY pet in the home. Although I am getting better with other dogs, I still growl at some, not all...just when I'm feeling insecure. And cats, well, they're out of the question. Maybe I just don't want to 'share the love' (teehee). You'll be happy to know that I love people (big and small)...and I love my walkies! My foster dad takes me to a thing called a 'coffee shop' most days where I love to meet all his friends... I get SO much attention and I love it!!! I do have one 'issue' ~ I have a thing called 'epilepsy'. It is easily controlled with medication (they cost about \$100 per month) and you have to give me meds at scheduled times so that is a bit of a pain. I hate to put you to any trouble but that is the only thing that will be a bother...I promise. Please consider me! I would be SO happy if you did. I know my foster dad doesn't want me to leave but I don't want to disappoint him and I know I'm grown up enough to move on ~ it's my time! So tata for now... hope to hear from you soon!

If you're interested in adopting Savannah, please fill out an adoption application. At the bottom of the form you can put Savannah's name as the Golden you're interested in (she asked us to tell you that!).

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In June, Lloyd Nesbitt and his daughter, Hilary, presented a cheque to Golden Rescue. The very generous donation from The CUMBA Charitable Foundation will help numerous Goldens receive all necessary vet care before finding their forever families. Such donations ensure we will never have to say 'no' to a Golden in need. Heartfelt thanks from all our volunteers!



### to all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!

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Meet & Greet
Quincy #1807

Hi...Quincy here!!! I am 100 pounds of hunka, hunka, golden love! I consider myself a lap dog though, which sort of gets in the way of my 'hunka burning love' image. But I can't help it...I just love to cuddle with my new parents so much.

I also enjoy long walks in the woods and chasing rabbits. I like to play with my new pug brother and our three orange cats. Cats are weird and a bit goofy to my way of thinking but I don't mind them. I love my new life and I am so happy to have found my forever family!

Amanda & Scott



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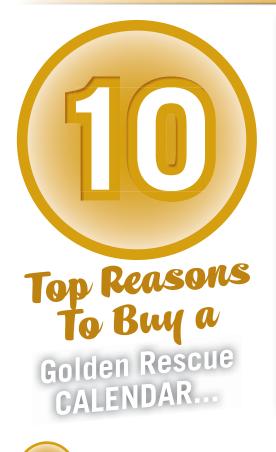


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You will never forget your mother-in-law's birthday!

It is Calendar with a capital 'C' that rhymes with 'D' that stands for 'Drool'!

It can cover up that hole in your drywall that you never got around to fixing!

It plays Neil Sedaka's 'I love, I love, I love my calendar girl' every time you touch it.\*

You can give the musical version to your mother-in-law for Christmas!



You're tired of looking at your real estate agent's face year after year on your fridge.

People will admire you for your philanthropic efforts!

You will have a place to write things down when you lose your iPhone!

If you buy two, you can cover up the other hole in your drywall.

And the Number #1 reason to buy a GR calendar is that GOLDENS ROCK!

\* Not really! Can you imagine how annoying that would be?

## Is Your Golden a Star in the 2014 Calendar?

### Lead Roles:

#488 Dylan #1181 Mooke #1333 Ruby #1335 Colton #1527 Jenny #1556 Woody & #1765 Autumn #1569 Dragon #1712 Hutch & Ruby #1726 Goldie #1760 Stanley #1780 Beau #1797 Dream #1822 Crystal #1834 Tyson

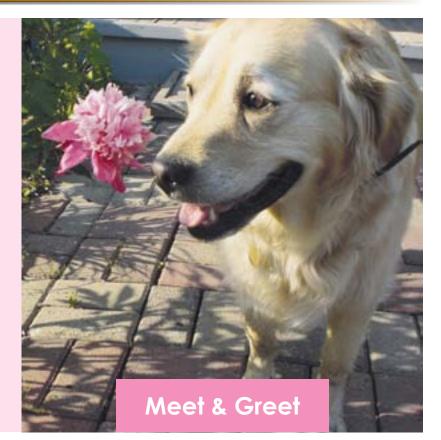
#### **Cameo Appearances:**

#722 Sarge #801 Fred #903 Jazz #916 Sheba #1268 Bingo #1342 Shadow & Chloe #1437 Max #1612 Kato #1622 Maggy #1714 Mollie #1734 Sam #1809 Chester #1838 Bailey #1857 Marley



# Maggy #1622

Hi there, Maggy reporting in! I am so pleased to tell you all that I have settled in with my forever family perfectly. When I was first fostered, I must admit I was a bit of a handful. I was nervous and my house training went right out the window. I was a bit of a mess but I eventually settled down and my lovely fosters were so patient ... and they were patient for a long, long time. I was starting to worry that they were getting discouraged but I wasn't. Firstly, I was happy with my foster family plus it just meant that the right family hadn't come along yet. I also have a thing called epilepsy, which is now totally under control (but didn't make me easy to adopt). But then, my 'heart family' came along (I always knew it would). And I've been put straight to 'work' as Director of Ruffreation for my family's resort. This means I get to charm everybody that walks into the lobby, including our extra special tail-wagging guests. Pssst, to tell you the truth, I sort of run the joint these days! When not performing my official duties, I like to drink from streams, go on unorganized walks, and gently lord over my unruly bunny siblings. Life's good on Stoney Lake! Ma and Pa say that I'm the sweetest girl they could have ever asked for. We are all so grateful to Golden Rescue and my wonderful foster parents for helping me find my way. Happy tails, Maggy P.S. You can also follow me on Twitter (https://twitter.com/MaggyViamede)



## "It's hard not to immediately fall in love with a dog who has a good sense of humor."

Kate DiCamillo, Because of Winn-Dixie

# **GOLDEN MOMENTS**©



"OK, OK... Just two more minutes and it's your turn!"

# Two Very Different Doctors' Offices

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint?

Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, has an x-ray the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The FIRST is a Golden Retriever. The SECOND is a human.



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Cosmo #1839



Mischief #1840



Diesel #1843



Jasper #1847



Arwen #1854



Molly #1860

Arwen #1854 4.5-year-old female adopted by Norm & Peggy Soutar

**Bailey #1838** 7-year-old female adopted by Michelle Fuerst

Bella #1846 6-year-old female adopted by Jay & Janet Morison

**Bentley #1848** 8-year-old male adopted by Randy & Debra Elder

Chance #1870 18-month-old male adopted by Dianne Tomson

**Cookie #1893** 10.5-year-old female adopted by Liz Lindsay

Cosmo #1839 1-year-old male adopted by Andrew Susin

**Diesel #1843** 2.5-year-old male adopted by Christopher Piper & Liz Ruttan

**Gibson #1842** 7-year-old male adopted by Gorden Kidd & Margaret Guest



Lilly #1861

Gracie #1845 6-year-old female adopted by Jay & Janet Morison

Red #1863

**Jackson #1835** 7-year-old male adopted by Stuart & Liz Church

**Jasper #1847** 20-month-old male adopted by Ron & Stephanie Sanko

Jenny #1828 5-year-old female adopted by John & Cheryl-Anne Graham

Joey #1853 3-year-old male adopted by Jamie & Gord Woodman

Karl #1862 1.5-year-old male adopted by Doug McKee

Lilly #1861 3.5-year-old female adopted by Hugh & Diane Cope

Maisie #1880 8-year-old female adopted by Ed & Trish Corbett

Marly #1852 5-month-old male adopted by Stephen Emo



Murphy #1875 & Riley #1876 Maisie #1880

Max #1867 12.5-year-old male adopted by Amanda de Boer & Steven Ladwig

Mischief #1840 7-year-old female adopted by Dale Aris

Molly #1860 7-year-old female adopted by John & Rosemarie Biafore

Monty #1871 8-year-old male adopted by Wendy Hall

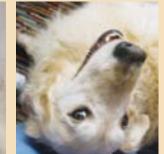
Murphy #1817 9-year-old male adopted by Deb & Ron Baumgart

**Murphy #1850** 7.5-year-old male adopted by Zoe Johnstone

Murphy #1875 5-year-old male adopted by Bryan Beatty

Red #1863 11-year-old male adopted by Stephanie Brocklehurst

**Riley #1876** 5-year-old male adopted by Bryan Beatty



Saturn #1832 10-year-old male adopted by Joanne Richelle

**Scarlett #1836** 7-year-old female adopted by John Doucette

Simba #1869 8-year-old male adopted by Bill & Gail Brown

Sophie #1837 2-year-old female adopted by Joan & John Stalker

Teddy #1859 2-year-old male adopted by Sandi Barkwell

**Trouble #1841** 7-year-old female adopted by Karin & Peter Mussen

Tyson #1834 3-year-old male adopted by Russ McPherson

Whiskey #1833 2-year-old male adopted by Lauren Stitt

Zilly #1812 10-year-old male adopted by Carol Smith





# Dragon #1569 & Chester #1809

It has been just over two years since Dragon rescued us. 2011 had become a challenge in that we had lost our beloved Golden, Whiskey, to cancer. Then we found that Bailey, Whiskey's brother and litter-mate, was battling cancer as well. Whiskey and Bailey were our children and the thought of us bereft of a furball to love and care for was simply inconceivable. We reached out to Golden Rescue to find a Golden who needed our love and affection. Enter Dragon! At nine years old, he was a silent, gentle soul who simply could not find a reason to trust and look you in the eye. He was content to go for walks yet always with his head lowered, turning away when someone came near. A quiet presence, Dragon did not have much time with Bailey, a mere ten days, but in that time he watched over him. When we returned home from the vet that sad day in August, Dragon meandered over, sat in front of me (of course never making eye contact) and gently placed his paw in my lap. I knew he understood that we were sad and needed him to comfort us. Summer turned to fall and we developed a routine that we knew he was comfortable with ~ his tail began to wag high and there was a bounce in his step. From time to time, we would chat about how much we missed Whiskey and Bailey and having two furballs to love. Enter Chester #1809! On March 8th, we were blessed with our newest bundle of joy and at six years old he is a perfect complement to Dragon. Our biggest concern was Dragon. Never fear...the instant Dragon set eyes on Chester, he began to wag his tail. Chester cavorted over (in this most charming goofy way he has), looked Dragon right in the eyes, gave a quick sniff, and proceeded to plop down, roll over, and wag like there was no tomorrow. He was 'ours' from that moment and came home a few short days later. Now we have to say that we have never - and we mean never - met a dog as nervous and jumpy as Chester. The toaster popping is cause for alarm and please, you have no clue what a ringing phone can do if you don't catch it on the first ring! Although we are managing, it is Dragon, the strong and calm presence, who is truly doing the rescuing. Every little thing that Dragon does, Chester is right there watching and has

from day one. If Dragon wags, Chester wags. If Dragon wants a cuddle, then Chester wants to barge right in for one as well. They run around with stuffed animals in their mouths when we come home and we laugh...oh how we laugh! We call Chester our 'little clown'. Dragon smiles and rolls his eyes at his goofy brother and Chester just looks at Dragon as though he walks on water. We will always miss those we have lost but thank Dragon and Chester for rescuing us!

**Trish & Michel** 

Check out both Dragon & Chester in our NEW 2014 Calendar!



# **Golden Angels**

In each and every issue, we'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Here, you will meet golden angels with golden hearts.





### Adrienne Cooper

Two years ago, Golden Rescue hit the mother lode when Adrienne joined the GR volunteer team. After losing her very special girl Molly to cancer, she was inconsolable. Rather than getting another Golden to fill the void, Adrienne saw a plea to foster and thought that might be a better way to get a Golden back into her life. Since then she has fostered seven Goldens and has also thrown herself into a variety of volunteering efforts that GR is so grateful for. Adrienne is now on the social media team as the Twitter team lead, the media advocacy team, and recently she joined the very busy intake team. Adrienne is particularly struck by the dedication of the many volunteers she comes in contact with and is amazed how they will drop everything and drive for miles to pick up a Golden in need. We, on the other hand, are amazed at Adrienne's passion and dedication and feel incredibly fortunate to have her on the GR team.

Tanner #1334 enjoying the June edition of The Guardian (especially the Golden Angels section)!



## Gail & Berry Richardson

Shortly after they lost their beloved Golden Newton, Gail and Berry discovered Golden Rescue. They filled the void in their home and heart by fostering but soon found their new love, Misha #1562, who they adopted. They were grateful and decided to give even more time to Goldens who needed a second chance. All have been special fosters but most notable was Maggy #1622 who they had for 1.5 years. They are golden fosters indeed and they never say no to a Golden who needs them. Gail is on the General Inquires team and recently joined the animal advocacy team. Both do home visits and behaviour evaluations. This delightful couple are the epitome of great ambassadors for GR. Gail is a retired Librarian and Barry is a Professor Emeritus from U of T. They have now retired to their beautiful 140 year-old home in Elora which is only two hours from their cottage on the Bruce peninsula. Lucky Misha and lucky Golden Rescue for finding Gail and Barry...two genuine golden angels.







#### Bradley #184

Gone but never to be forgotten. Our Bradley #184 passed peacefully in his sleep on July 22nd...more than two months past his 15th birthday. His friend, Buddy, misses him terribly and for days waited at the top of the deck stairs for Bradley to follow him out. Happy and healthy to the end, Bradley was a very special boy and knew he was loved and wanted all his life with us. Bradley was a good friend to six other dogs we adopted over the years, outlived five of them, and missed them all when they were gone. We were so fortunate to have had him all these years. He will be missed always. **Bob & Fran Taylor** 

#### Dolly #1824

In memory of Dolly #1824 ~ a sweet and gentle girl who touched my heart. You left us too soon! Loved by her foster mom! Carol Weale

#### Morgan

February 2nd was a very sad day for Leila and Earl Marshall when they had to say good-bye to their beautiful Golden Retriever Morgan. Morgan and Leila had a very special relationship ~ they were partners, a team ~ well known in competitive dog obedience and retriever field training. Leila said that Morgan was her 'once in a lifetime dog' and to watch them working together you could see how much they loved and respected each other.



At home, Morgan welcomed each new Golden into the family with dignity and friendship, in true golden fashion. We will always remember how he would look up at Leila and give an excited little bark when he was doing fieldwork. Goodbye Morgan...you were a wonderful example of a true Golden Retriever and you will be missed by many. **Mavis & John Lenhardt** 



# A POEM TO MY FOSTER DOG

#### by Diane Morgan

I am the bridge between what was and what can be. I am the pathway to a new life.

I am made of mush because my heart melted when I saw you, matted and sore, limping, depressed, lonely, unwanted, afraid to love.

For one little time you are mine. I will feed you with my own hand. I will love you with my whole heart. I will make you whole.

I am made of steel. Because when the time comes, when you are well and sleek, when your eyes shine, and your tail wags with joy, then comes the hard part. I will let you go ~ not without a tear but without a regret. For you are safe forever!

A new dog needs me now.

Please consider becoming a foster home today!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bala Cranberry Festival October 18-20th Bala



Goldens welcome and encouraged to participate! Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Please consider donating some time to help our Goldens and have fun while you're at it. If you're interested in volunteering for this event, please email volunteer@golden-rescue.net



# 21st ANNUAL Golden Rescue PICNIC

A fun-filled day packed with fun canine games (including dock diving), best dressed Golden, fabulous silent auction, vendors, music, photographers, great food and a memorial service for all our Golden friends who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Please bring your dogs... the more the merrier!

# Sunday, September 22nd – 11 am to 4pm

### Rain or shine (we have large event tents)

### \$10 per person – \$25 per family

Includes a delicious catered lunch (including dessert), non-alcoholic beverages and a live DJ for entertainment

### Maplelane Goldens – RR#4 Alliston – 6311 12th Line – New Tecumseth

A big thank you to owner Sherri Hall for her generous support again this year! www.maplelanegoldens.com

We would greatly appreciate your help finding sponsors for the picnic and/or items for the Silent Auction. If you are able to help in this area, please email picnic@golden-rescue.net.

THE COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED! Last year we had record attendance for both humans and dogs! Please RSVP to picnic@golden-rescue.net if you are planning to attend. Kindly indicate how many people in your group and how many dogs. This is a great help for us to plan the lunch and events. Thank you!

# www.goldenrescue.ca

