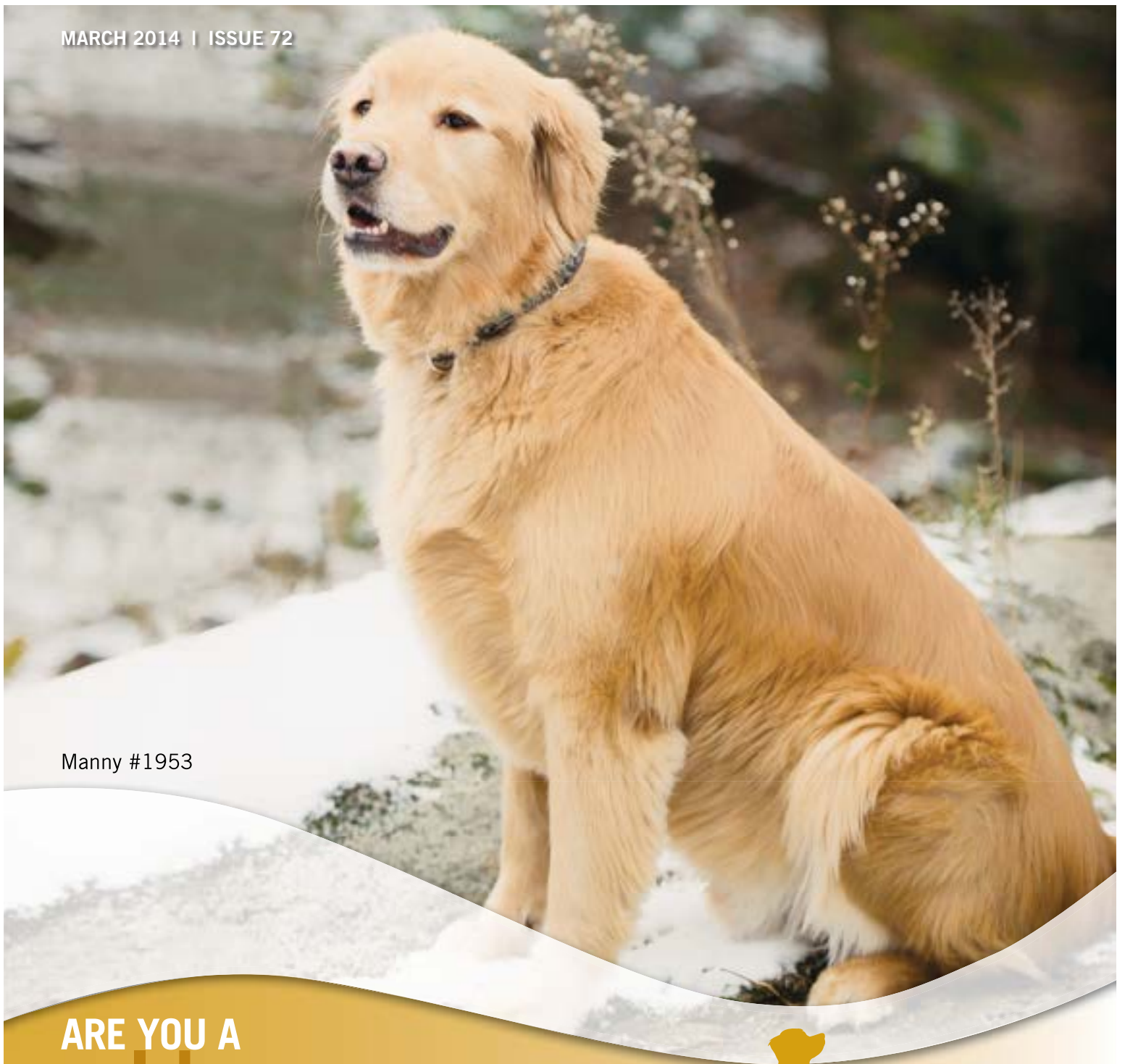


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Manny #1953

ARE YOU A
**golden
retriever**
BELIEVER?





CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 21st ~ celebrate summer solstice!

Start-Line: Horseshoe Valley Resort
(just north of Barrie)

Put a team together: ideally four to a car

Start Times: between noon and 2 p.m.

Duration of Rally: approximately 3.5 hrs

FINISH LINE PARTY:

- Georgian Bay shore (near Port Severn)
- great swimming for you & your furkids
- begins when you arrive until 11 p.m.
- cocktails, live band, bbq
- awards at 9 p.m.

\$100 per person

Includes rally, steak or chicken bbq, beer/wine/coolers/soft drinks, live music by *RadioFlyer* (same great band as last year), awards/trophies and lots of fun and laughs!

Please e-mail to RSVP and for a start time: rally@golden-rescue.net

'What to bring' and rally details will be mailed closer to the date. If you would like overnight accommodations in the area, please email rally@golden-rescue.net and we will send a list of options (*book early* as this is high season).

Dogs welcome on rally and at party

**Beep!
Beep!**

**Woof!
Woof!**



Hockley THIS IS GREAT BEER

Sophie, Oliver #1576, Gabby, #1575 & Scout #1575



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The Front Cover

Manny #1953 ~ This photo of Manny, our front cover superstar, was taken by his foster dad Greg. Manny has recently joined his forever family, Liz and Paul. He's already learning the ropes and is doing just fine. This amazing Golden travelled to New Brunswick to his new home, which includes three new sisters (Border Collies) and two cats and he entered with grace and charm. Manny is getting along famously with his new sisters but it's funny to watch the girls retrieve everything that is thrown, while Manny, the only retriever in the house, will certainly go after whatever is thrown but he simply plops down and starts chewing it. Oh well, maybe the sisters will teach him in time. In the meantime, Manny is having a ball in his new home...even though he's not retrieving it.

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Mission Statement

The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. is a volunteer-operated, not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to rescuing and re-homing displaced Golden Retrievers and to educating the public in general about pet ownership.

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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If you have any comments or suggestions for the Guardian, please email guardian@golden-rescue.net

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The Guardian is the result of many people who have generously donated their time, expertise, design, and resources to its production. A great big THANK YOU goes to Betty James for the design, Tamm+Kit for the printing, and the Klein family and friends for the mail-out.

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



LOOKING BACK ~ A YEAR IN REVIEW...

2013 was a busy and fruitful year for Golden Rescue. **We rescued 164 dogs** and at press time we have **added another 25 dogs to the program**. Fortunately, this year most of our dogs came to us without tragic stories...but of course some came with heart-breaking histories.

HERE ARE A FEW FACTS:

Out of the 164 dogs we rescued, nine were strays, two arrived with epilepsy, three were described by vets as emaciated, four needed immediate surgery, 17 required medication or medical attention for everything from flea infestation, to kidney disease, to allergies to heartworm. Some, unfortunately, were too far gone to help and there were seven Golden Retrievers we weren't able to save, or they crossed the Rainbow Bridge while in foster care. Everyone on the operations team, from intakes, transports, fosters, general inquiries, to placements had their hands full this year. There were some sad stories and some difficult moments, but it ended up being a very rewarding year. We would like to thank all our foster homes and volunteers in ops... we couldn't have done it without you!

We developed a number of new initiatives in 2013 like an Adoption Guide. This is a substantial document that gives new adopters a blueprint for success when adopting a Golden. We also finalized a foster agreement that sets out the terms of fostering and describes the relationship between Golden Rescue and the foster family and also includes an updated Foster Guide.

The Board of Directors has established an advisory committee for important and sensitive issues such as:

- euthanasia
- potentially litigious issues
- dog bites
- vet care in excess of \$5,000
- removal of a dog from a foster or adopter

Our new website, which has made a significant difference to our ability to communicate with the public, was designed by an agency based in London and Toronto called Arcane and we hope you'll all agree that it's a fabulous website. This was also the year we converted all of our potential adoption stories to narratives from a Golden's point of view. This shift has improved our website visibility and we have been getting significantly more adoption applications. Adoption e-blasts have been going out each week...also a new initiative.

Our second annual Wishbone Lottery was a success. We sold 254 more tickets this year over last and we netted, after all expenses, over \$100,000. We are so proud that this will all go to our Golden Retrievers. Hurrah!!! And it's all thanks to you!

Our picnic was the best attended yet and through sponsorships, general store sales, and the silent auction, it has become our second biggest fundraiser, as well as being a great fun day for our supporters and their Golden Retrievers.

Treasury also had a busy year. Canada Revenue decided to audit us this year and, as a result, requires us to develop new techniques, particularly as it relates to 'gifts in kind'. In a nutshell, we have to engage in a cheque exchange system with our supporting vets in order to reap the benefits of the various discount programs that our supporting vets are currently participating in. This requires a significant amount of administrative support, so to assist us in this transition, we have purchased a donation software package and are in the process of contacting all of our vets to discuss this new process. We are now set up for electronic funds transfer for the convenience of all those donating to GR and by March 1st, we will also be able to accept Visa debit cards. We are also pleased to report that Golden Rescue is in good financial shape.

The events team had over 400 volunteers and 375 Golden ambassadors help with a busy program this year and they would like to thank everyone for their efforts. We participated in 18 events in a variety of locations. Our focus was to find venues that gave the highest awareness for GR. This year, we expanded our reach with the help of LCBO Tag Days, which was a very successful program. We set up at 23 locations and not only did we raise over \$12,500, we also raised GR's awareness significantly in those various communities/neighbourhoods.

Our social media team was busy as we really concentrated on our social media venues this year and on keeping them current and interesting:

Facebook ~ we currently have 2,717 followers and are gaining approximately 75-100 followers a week. Depending on the content posted, we reach 12-50K daily for our regular posts. The most 'shared' and 'liked' posts are lost dog posters, adoption alerts, updates on our dogs in foster, and generic, heartwarming second chance stories. A note from our team ~ it's great that you 'like' our posts but our greatest exposure is when you 'share' them.

Twitter ~ we have increased our followers from 670 to 1,981 (adding younger followers too) and we have had over 1,600 tweets since we started. The most 'retweeted' posts are lost dogs, #WednesdaysWags, adoption alerts, 'adopted' tweets, and birthday celebrations.

Pinterest ~ we started with 50 followers and we now have 897 with 20 boards and 1,215 pins at time of writing.

Our 'animal advocates' also continue to increase awareness of causes that will promote animal welfare in our communities. These initiatives have included letters to MPPs to encourage legislature that will aim to end puppy mills and create stronger standards for animal ownership, gaining support for petitions in Canada and the US seeking the ban of advertisements for the sale of animals on classified sites, and speaking with councillors and law enforcers to recommend changes to existing bylaws to prevent animal cruelty issues. While there are seemingly an endless number of deserving initiatives to give our voice to, we are committed to gradually making indelible changes to animal welfare in our communities...one dog at a time.

The University of Guelph Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigation (ICCI) has developed a unique resource that provides access to clinical specimens from naturally occurring cancers to the scientific community: The Companion Animal Tumour Sample Bank (CATSB). These samples include blood, urine, and tissue samples that can be utilized by researchers investigating the causes and cures of cancers that occur in pets. Allandale Veterinary Hospital and Golden Rescue are starting a pilot program to aid the quest for samples. Blood samples will be provided from dogs that have a diagnosed tumor. Samples must be handled in a very specific way, so we are starting with this one clinic with the hopes that it can become a broader program in the future. If this is not your clinic, but you would like to contribute samples, you may contact Dr. Patricia Lechten at patricia.lechten@sympatico.ca.

We started working on revising our corporate documents, including our by-laws, and changing our letters patent to articles of incorporation, after our last annual general meeting. We were incorporating various updates when the legislation for not-for-profit organizations changed. This new legislation effected this work, which we stopped until the new requirements were better understood. In addition, earlier last year the CRA did an audit that required further by-law changes. We have almost completed this work and hope to post our new by-laws on our website in the next few months.

All of us work together to give deserving Golden Retrievers the opportunity to find their forever families and a life filled with love and care. This is a testament to our compassion and belief in a better world for our Golden Retrievers who have no voice. *"Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That's the problem."* A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*. We thank all of you who do listen!

Yours in rescue ~ GR's Board of Directors





Guinness Book of World Records

Here's what we're thinking for this year's picnic...are you ready?

We want to break the record for "The Most Dogs Brushed at One Time".

That means we need about 370 dogs at our picnic. Imagine what our leash-free area will look like with that many dogs being brushed at the same time and how big the collective fur-ball will be.

Here's what you can do to help! Email and tell us if you would like to join us and, if so, how many dogs you could round up to attend (all dogs welcome... not just Golden Retrievers or rescues). We are trying to see if this idea is feasible and if we can actually pull this off. Please email picnic@goldenrescue.ca.

Stay tuned for more details ~ not only will this be fun...this could be the greatest awareness-raising event GR has ever done!

Annual General MEETING

Thursday, June 5th, 2014
7 – 9 p.m.

Verity Club ~ Library
111D Queen Street East
(between Church & Jarvis)
Toronto, ON M5C 1S2

Light refreshments will be served.

All Golden Rescue supporters/ volunteers are welcome to attend our AGM. Please inform us by May 9th if you are planning to attend by emailing board@golden-rescue.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Events Line-Up (stay tuned for dates & more information)

Event Name	Dates	Location
LCBO Tag Days	April, May, June, September	Various locations in the province
St. Jacob's Farmers' Market & Flea Market	May 24, June 7, September 13	St. Jacobs (Waterloo)
Maplelane Reunion	June	Alliston
Car Rally	June 21	Barrie to Port Severn area
Golden Retriever Club of Canada's 2014 National Speciality	August 2 & 3	Kemptville
Golden Rescue Picnic	September 21st	Alliston
Bala Cranberry Festival	October	Bala
Ottawa Dog Expo	November	Ottawa
Oro-Medonte Artisan Show	November	Orillia
The Pickering Markets	December weekends	Pickering

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Hey, I know we just asked to go out but..."

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Savannah #1826



Gubs #1849



Chloe #1883



Mak #1906



DJ #1910



Freeway #1930



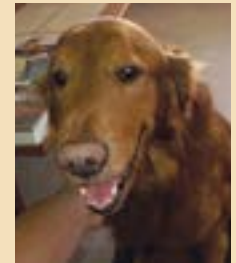
Johny #1936



Tina #1937 & Sara #1938



Moose #1946



Casey #1957

Abbott #1947

13.5-year-old male adopted by Jane Field & Hilary Dore

Abby #1885

7.5-year-old female adopted by Dave & Lorraine Pilkington

Asher #1940

10-year-old male adopted by Howard & Gloria Tavroges

Bailey #1908

9-year-old female adopted by Anita Ladd

Bailey #1934

10-year-old male adopted by Ken Charron

Beau #1955

5-year-old male adopted by Michael & Lesley Andrews

Belle #1956

5-year-old female adopted by Michael & Lesley Andrews

Ben #1969

3-year-old male adopted by Eleanor Manley

Casey #1957

8-year-old male adopted by Carolyn White & Alan Hart

Chloe #1883

5-year-old female adopted by Peter Maccabe

Dallas #1942

6-month-old male adopted by Fred Nixon

Dexter #1919

5-year-old male adopted by Marianne Chant & Don Esber

DJ #1910

11.5-year-old male adopted by Berni Minegarten

Dougie #1939

3.5-year-old male adopted by Sean & Sandy Madorin

Freeway #1930

6.5-year-old male adopted by Michael Orpen

Gibson #1891

2-year-old male adopted by Jacquie Zitmanis

Gubs #1849

9-year-old male adopted by Kevin McLaughlin

Harley #1952

9.5-year-old male adopted by Misty Lucas

Harley #1959

8.5-year-old male adopted by Ryan & Stacey Moore

Jake #1945

1-year-old male adopted by Andrea Morrell Deebank

Jax #1915

1.5-year-old male adopted by Jon Bowles

Johny #1936

2-year-old male adopted by Les Kariunas & Karen Peacock

Lola #1929

1-year-old female adopted by Donald & Suzanne Legere

Maggie #1935

8.5-year-old female adopted by Kim Macgregor

Mak #1906

1-year-old male adopted by Derek & Christine Wakefield

Mar-lee #1912

4.5-year-old female adopted by Stephanie English

Max #1844

4.5-year-old male adopted by Bruce & Deborah Allan

Max #1918

16-month-old male adopted by Sharon Stewart & Brent Richardson

Max #1960

6-month-old male adopted by Mia Wilkinson

Maxwell Smart #1944

2-year-old male adopted by Nigel & Danielle Cline

Moose #1946

2.5-year-old male adopted by Kathy & Paul McLaughlin

Nala #1948

3-year-old female adopted by Reg & Jacquie Spencer

Oakley #1972

6-year-old male adopted by Joe Graziotto

Ramsey #1914

9-year-old male adopted by Jessie Herdes

Rocky #1963

4.5-year-old male adopted by Kim Jones

Sadie #1928

3-year-old female adopted by Ray & Cheryl White

Sandy #1943

3.5-year-old female adopted by Matt & Laurie Stillwaugh

Sara #1938

3-year-old female adopted by Scott & Michelle McElwain

Savannah #1826

3-year-old female adopted by Joanna Chisnell

Sophie #1967

1-year-old female adopted by Bruce England & Lena Stewart

Tina #1937

6.5-year-old female adopted by Scott & Michelle McElwain

Trooper #1958

3.5-year-old male adopted by Lisa Wenger

Wendy #1897

5-year-old female adopted by Kevin & Judy Lamont

WELCOME HOME Goldens!

Help Us Help Goldens

Consider volunteering!

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

Data Entry Volunteer

Your role would be to enter, update, and maintain information (donations, purchases, memberships, subscriptions, contacts) in our database. You must have an eagerness to learn new procedures, entry rules, and methods, excellent communication skills, a basic comprehension of how databases are structured, and access to the internet. You are also dedicated to accuracy and detail, and have a strong working knowledge of email and Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and Access). If you're interested in helping, please email Doris at doris66@rogers.com.

Drivers (Transport)

Urgent needs everywhere but particularly in NORTHERN & EASTERN 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 transport@golden-rescue.net.

Follow-Up Call Volunteers

Once our Goldens have been adopted, we want to keep in touch with the adopters to see how things are going. We need people who like talking on the phone to make these calls. The calls are primarily social and you need to be a good listener as the conversations are often animated as our adopters love to brag about their beautiful Goldens. We do, however, require you to confirm/update information so you will need access to a computer and internet. Some Excel knowledge would be very helpful. Mostly you simply need a sunny disposition and a good long-distance telephone plan. If you are interested, please email Chris and Monica at monicaaandchris@goldenrescue.ca.

Fundraising Committee Members

We need YOU on our brand new fundraising team! Firstly, don't worry! We are not looking for this group to raise all money needed by Golden Rescue. The organization is doing reasonable well. Instead, we're looking to form a group that could create, implement, and administer smaller, new, and creative fundraising ideas! Whether you have one or two fundraising ideas you think could help Golden Rescue OR whether you would be interested in joining the team and helping

us with all sorts of events, we would love to hear from you! We're looking to get a group of people together to collectively kick-start our fundraising for 2014! Please email Lauren at lauren@golden-rescue.net if you're interested or would like to find out more.

Volunteer Coordinators

The Volunteer Coordinator is one of the most important roles on Golden Rescue's event team. 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@golden-rescue.net and she will be happy to get back to you with more information and to answer questions.

THANK YOU for coming to our rescue...

We need FOSTER FAMILIES!

Sadly and constantly, we have Goldens coming into our care! We need loving foster families 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 answer any questions you might have and arrange a home visit. If you're already a foster home, please encourage others to do so. Thank you!



*"OMG. OMG. OMG.
This is just too good to be true!!"*

RETRIEVER BELIEVER CLUB A great BIG thank you to

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Silent Auction

We're already starting to think about our Golden Picnic and ways we can help our Golden retrievers. If you would like to donate something for our Silent Auction, please email Kim at: silentauction@golden-rescue.net
Anything is welcome ~ big or small.

THANK YOU for your support!



Meet & Greet Titan #1916

When we lost our seven-year-old Bernese, we couldn't bear the thought of replacing him. My husband and I, our two boys, and our other Bernese missed him terribly and in about five months we decided we were ready to add another family member. This time we knew we wanted a Golden and we knew we wanted a rescue. Enter Titan! When we met Titan at his foster home, it was love at first site. We expected an adjustment period but Titan's foster mom had done such a good job that Titan settled with us almost immediately. It was as if he had been with us forever. He loves wrestling with his sister Molly and Molly loves cleaning Titan's ears ~ it's so heartwarming to watch. Titan is so well behaved, charming, loyal, and a complete gentleman. He has an amazing Darth Vader grumble when he wants something. He can lie, chin on my lap, and give up the sound. It is SO cute. His only fault is that he slobbers terribly after he has a drink so I have taught him to come to me right after to get his mouth dried with a kleenex ~ such a smart boy! Our whole family has dubbed Titan "the best dog we've ever had".

Michelle, Peter, Justin, Luke & Molly

all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!



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No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of others. *Charles Dickens*

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In honour of Pica (Boo) and her family
 Gwen Hill
 Marty Hills
In loving memory of our beautiful Laker who made us all smile and gave us many happy memories. Laker lead a full and happy life even if it was cut short. He would approve of supporting Golden Rescue.
 Allan & Sharon Hopkirk
 Tom Horruzey
 Sara Houston
In memory of our beautiful Jasper. A year and a half of giving and receiving love from the 'big guy' ~ not enough yet thankful for the time with him. His lifetime

buddy Mika doing fine but along with us misses Jazzy-Boo.
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 Ingrid Jacobson
In honour of Jasmine
 Marzena Janiak
In honour of Misty ~ I love you my Golden girl!
 Paul Jennery
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 Laura Johnson
In honour of Daisy & Angel
 Janice Jones-Skinner
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 Jacqueline Parker
In memory of Casey, Toby, Daisy-May, Buffy & Cedar
 David Parkes
 Sandy Peress
 Terri Pilon
For Ziggy who has been with us for 4.5 years and never ceases to amaze us with his particular brand of quirkiness and never-ending love.
 Joyanne Plaxton
In honour of Apple #1481
 Heidi Poch
 Tom Poirier
 Marilyn & Les Powell
 R. Howard Webster
 Foundation
 Barbara Reason
 Reliable Construction Ltd.
 Tim Reynolds
 Gail & Berry Richardson
For The Maggy Fund
 Monica Robinson
 Walter Rolland
In memory of Abby
 Tom & Carol Schoeps
 John & Shelley Scriver

Ann Sharpe
 Pat Shaver
 Harvey Shear
In memory of Nugget & Symba
 Sandra Skinner
 Bernard Sloan
 Deborah Smith
 Melissa Sockanowich
 Peter Soteros
In loving memory of our beautiful Laker who made us all smile and gave us many happy memories. Laker lead a full and happy life.
 Staff Plus
In honour of Ian McClelland
 Sharon Stewart
 Jay M. Stringer
 Paul & Bonnie Sunnen
 Viive Tamm
In honour of Jake #424 & in memory of Maggy #1622
 Debbie Tanner
 Rebecca Thomas
In memory of my Mum Su Thomas - a long time GR supporter and mum to many Golden's including happy 13-year-old Misty who is still with us.
 Christine Thompson
 Marilyn Tobe
 Janice Tonelli-Breen
 Linda Trayhurn
In honour of Connor, Foster & Zeus
 Suzanne Trumpour
 Viamede Resort
 David Villard
 Amanda Walker
In honour of Walter & Chantal Baker
 Jane Waters
 Andrew & Christine Wiel
In honour of Candace LaBuick
 Gail & Robert White
In memory of Sunset #387
 Cathy Wilson
 Margaret Wilson
 Elizabeth Wilson
 Brenda Wrath
 Judy & Martin Yolleck

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Matt Hurley, a great friend to Golden Rescue:

Eliz Hurley
 Margaret & Alex Anderson
 Colleen Bond
 Karen & Richard Bryer
 David Casey
 Diversified Sheet Metal
 Chris & Monika Foster
 Jeff Foster
 Marta Gatti
 John & Barbara Hakner
 Allan and Sharon Hopkirk
 Carol Hunting
 Ember Kemp

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 Craig Sharkey
 Six Mile Lake Cottagers Association
 Eleanor Smerdon
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THANK YOU!

You've helped change many lives!

MEET & GREET...



Lochlann #1905

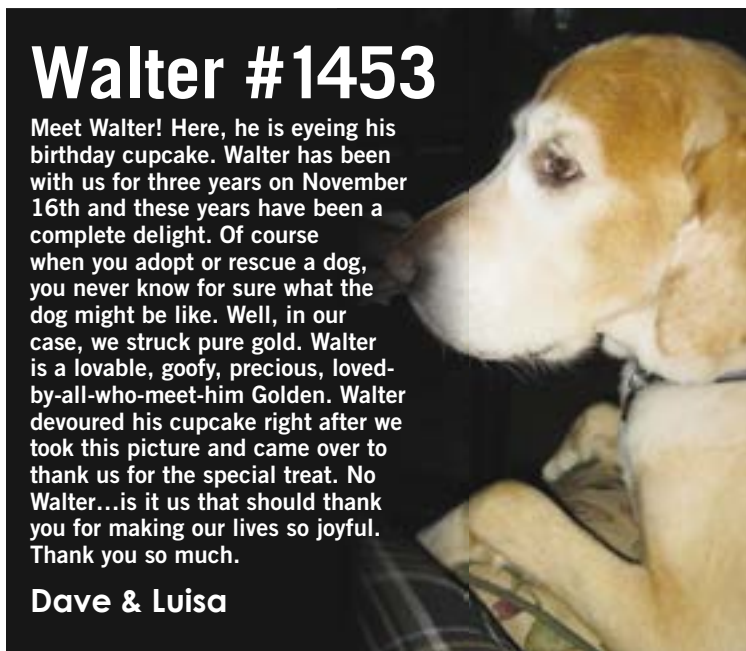
We lost our two beloved Golden Retrievers within months of each other and that, as you can imagine, was very hard. We realized very quickly, however, that our house was not a home without a Golden in it. We had previously adopted from Golden Rescue and decided it was time to do it again and that is when we met Lochlann. We met him on September 22nd which, believe it or not, was the birthday of one of our other Golden Retrievers so we took this as a sign. We are delighted we did because Lochlann is an absolute jewel and immediately turned our empty house into a loving home. It's a funny fact but after having three Golden Retrievers, Lochlann is the first Golden who is actually a retriever. He simply cannot get enough of fetching. When we do finally exhaust him, he loves nothing more than jumping up on the couch, putting his head on our laps and cuddling for hours...oh, what a lovely feeling! Thank you for Lochlann...

Tom & Carol

Walter #1453

Meet Walter! Here, he is eyeing his birthday cupcake. Walter has been with us for three years on November 16th and these years have been a complete delight. Of course when you adopt or rescue a dog, you never know for sure what the dog might be like. Well, in our case, we struck pure gold. Walter is a lovable, goofy, precious, loved-by-all-who-meet-him Golden. Walter devoured his cupcake right after we took this picture and came over to thank us for the special treat. No Walter...is it us that should thank you for making our lives so joyful. Thank you so much.

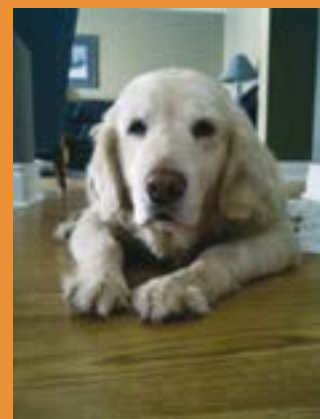
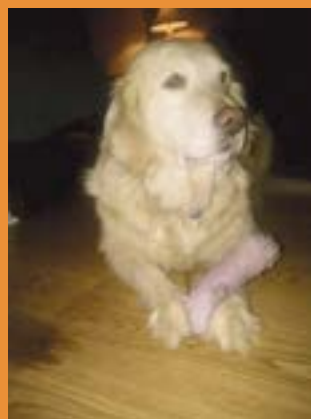
Dave & Luisa



Wendy #1897

We rescued Wendy with the help of the great folks at GR. She lives with us and our other dogs, Ryder and Scout. Wendy enjoys playing with them but sometimes Scout can be a little too enthusiastic and Wendy retreats to the safety of our daughter Sarah's room. It is becoming obvious that Wendy is Sarah's dog. She loves us all and we all love her very much but Wendy and Sarah have a special bond. Sarah was your typical young person who went to bed late and got up late. Now she is up at 5 a.m. with us and walks the dogs with my husband. She stays at home more...not going out as much with her friends and boyfriend so she can spend more loving time with Wendy. Sarah says she is giving Wendy as much love as possible to make up for her rough start in life ~ how sweet! It is fantastic to see this side of our daughter that we didn't know was there. Golden Retrievers can certainly change your life and Wendy has sure changed ours. Thank you GR for all you do for these amazing creatures.

Judy, Kevin & Sarah





askGoldie

Goldie #654

M@il Retriever

Hello everyone ~ I've been away for a while but it's great to be back. Please feel free to ask me any questions and I'll try and do my golden-best to get you a good answer. Please email me at askgoldie@golden-rescue.net. And, no, I can't answer when this winter is going to leave us. We'll have to leave that to our furry friend, the groundhog.

Dear Goldie: What's up with these paw protector products my humans keep trying to put on my feet before we go out? I know snowballs slow me down and we have to stop and pick them out but I'm okay with that! Signed, Cody

Dear Cody: I know you can lick the snow out but you must admit sometimes 'winter feet' can be really annoying. Be tolerant with your family, who are only trying to help. Firstly, let them trim all the fur between your toes so you don't have excess fur-catching snow and making snowballs. Also let them put Bag Balm (available in different names in most pharmacies and pet shops) or Vaseline on your paws before you go out. It will actually help. When you come back in, let them wash your feet with a warm rag and then put another layer of balm on. If you are a really good dog, let them try dog boots. I know they may make you look silly and that's not cool, but humans wear some pretty un-cool things in winter as well to keep them protected. 'Better look silly than freeze' is a great white north motto.

Dear Goldie: Every now and then I get tummy troubles. It can be quite uncomfortable. Sometimes I can't go at all and sometimes I can't stop going. And as the song goes, "Doctor...is there something I can take...I say, doctor...to relieve this belly ache"? Yours, Toby

Dear Toby: "Put the lime in the coconut and drink it all up". No, no,

I'm only kidding. Here's a little known fact. Canned pumpkin is good for the digestion. Now I mean the puree kind, with no added sugar or spices...just pure pumpkin. All you need is a couple of teaspoons if you're a pup and a couple tablespoons if you're full grown. Amazingly, it is good for diarrhea and constipation ~ go figure. The lime in the coconut, on the other hand, isn't good for anything except it sure sounds good in a song.

Dear Goldie: My mommy says I eat too fast. I don't think so. I think I eat at exactly the right speed but I'd like to please her. Any suggestions? Yours truly, Speedy Gonzales

Dear SG: Tell your mom to put a ball in your dog dish. You will have to keep moving it around to get at your food. This will slow you down. It's not so bad because you like balls, right? After all, once you're finished eating you can play with it.

Hi Goldie: My family says my breath stinks. I find this embarrassing. I've been to the doc and he says my teeth and gums are fine. I'm just prone to bad breath. What can I do? From, Holy Halitosis

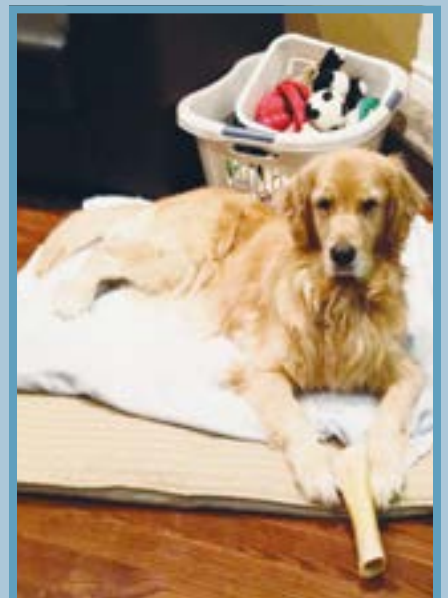
Dear HH: Tell your mom or dad to sprinkle fresh parsley on your food. It might help to sweeten your breath. I'm sure everything else about you is sweet enough already!

Meet & Greet

Mar-lee #1912

When we lost 'Beamer', our beloved Golden, I have to admit I was inconsolable ~ I found it hard to cope. When Mar-lee came into our life, all that changed and I am a new person. The power of a Golden's love is stunning. Mar-lee settled in almost immediately with no signs of stress and when she realized she was allowed up on the furniture and the bed, the deal was clinched. She is a beautiful girl, loyal, well-behaved, and smart. She changed my life. As the song says, "I didn't rescue you, you rescued me." Thank you GR...you're the best!

Stephanie



Meet & Greet

Abbott #1947

There are many wonderful people in the world! Jane and Hilary, two amazing women, recently adopted Abbott. Abbott, within five weeks of being adopted, turned 14 and other than controllable arthritis, Abbott is in great health. This senior statesman came into their condo home as Abby, but in no time, watching him pose on the couch, became known as Abbott and then Mr. Abbott. His appearance and manner became even more regal so he has been renamed as Sir Abbott. Sir Abbot had trouble with the elevator initially; however, after a few days he realized this was the way to his walks, which he loves. Now he jumps back and forth in the lobby in front of the elevator doors trying to guess which one will open first.



Jane and Hilary say, "We are so happy to be given the opportunity to love Sir Abbott and he has brought so much joy into our lives."

Abbott says "Consider adopting a senior Golden!" We suspect there is a little extra joy in Hilary and Jane's hearts as they have helped a senior, typically difficult to adopt! There's no question that adopting 'old gold' is a tough decision; however, they are gold nuggets who deserve a wonderful life. Yes, there are many wonderful people in this world. Thank you Jane & Hilary!!!

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]

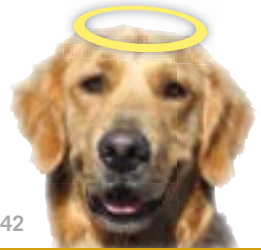


"Seriously – why would they just allow *me* up here??"



Golden Angels

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



Shadow #1342

Betty James

Betty is GR's talented and creative graphic designer. This amazing volunteer doesn't ever say 'no' when she's asked to help. She designs our newsletter The Guardian, calendars, various eblasts, GR truck skins, appreciation certificates, thank you and sympathy cards, adopter and fosters guides/handbooks, special promo posters and postcards, and merchandise. Betty is currently working on our biggest project yet ~ our 25th anniversary, celebratory coffee-table book. Betty's work is not only brilliant but it is extremely important to brand our organization consistently and she has contributed greatly to GR's highly professional and fun 'look'. A Golden lover since she was a child, Betty has had five Golden retrievers including her current love, Shadow #1342. Shadow was Betty's first rescue Golden and her introduction to the organization. Betty and her husband Jeff have always been willing to help and have manned booths, done home visits, and sold lottery tickets and calendars...always with a smile! Thank you, thank you, thank you...we don't know what we'd do without you!



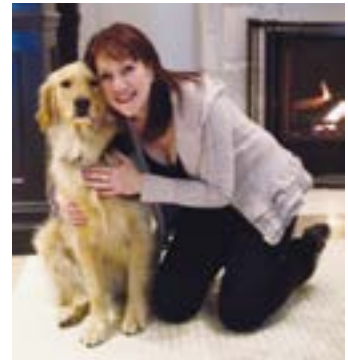
Jeff & Betty with Kona, Denver & Shadow #1342

Sharon Kamiel

Sharon is a staunch supporter of GR and a tireless volunteer. She is a key member of the intake team (one of the most difficult roles in our organization) and she participates doing home visits and behaviour evaluations. Recently Sharon also joined the foster team to help onboard badly-needed foster homes. Sharon is a dog lover ~ almost amazingly so, as she was bitten in the face as a child and attacked once as a teenager. Even after these traumas, Sharon couldn't deny her love for dogs, particularly for the gentle and sweet Golden. When her beloved Golden Lexi crossed the Rainbow Bridge at 14.5 years old, Sharon got a pup, Callie, who is with her today. Sharon has a Masters in Social Work and is one busy lady. Her passions are Golden retrievers, her children, cottaging, tennis, musical theatre, movies, snowshoeing, and, fortunately for us, volunteering for Golden Rescue. What an amazing volunteer, who even after her very busy days says about GR, "I could even do more...bring it on!" Thank you Sharon... for all that you do!!!



Sharon and Callie

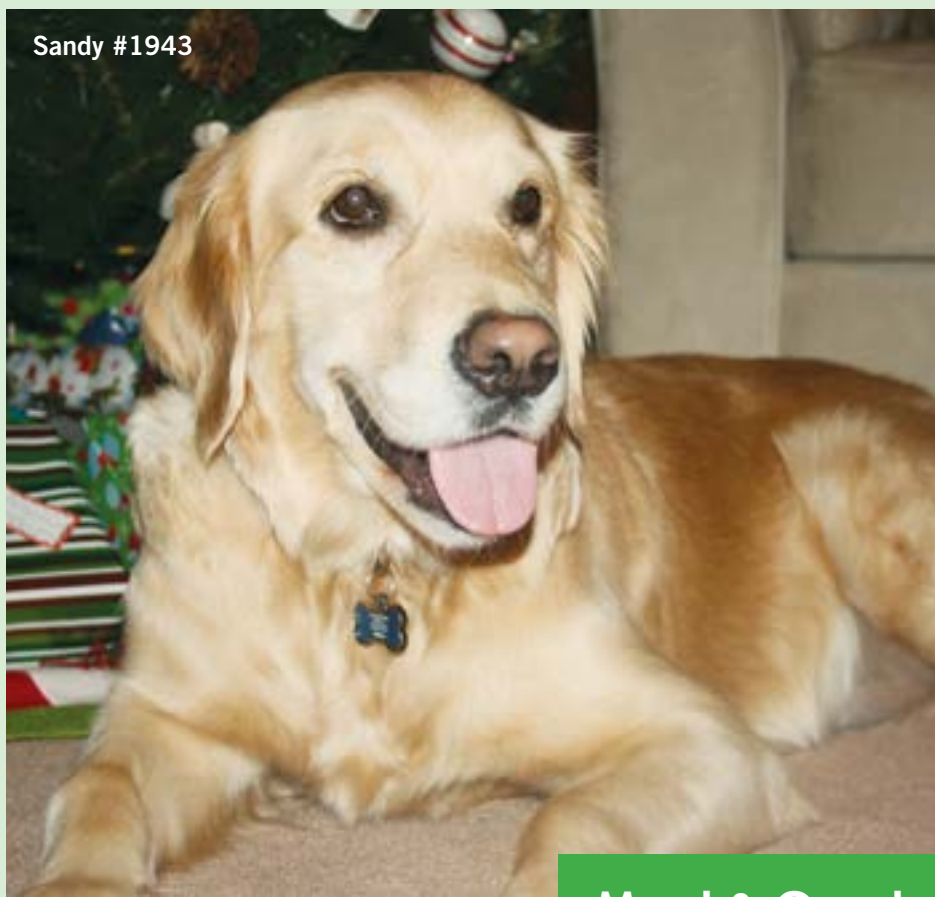


Shannon & Jeff McKenzie

Shannon and Jeff and their children, Saige and Masen, are wonderful additions to GR's volunteer family. They are fantastic fosters and in their two short years with GR have already fostered eight Golden retrievers. They first heard of GR when out hiking with their Golden Sadie when they encountered a couple with six Golden retrievers. They were GR fosters and expressed to Shannon and Jeff how fulfilling it was to foster. They came home and immediately went to the GR website...and the rest is history. This family not only fosters but they also do home visits and behaviour evaluations with the enthusiastic help of their children. Their Golden, Sadie, is also becoming a masterful foster who, from what we understand, does the comprehensive behaviour evaluations. The family speak very highly of the teams they have encountered since joining GR from transportation, to intakes, to placements. Of course, these teams speak very highly of them as well. It is so cool when a mutual admiration society grows out of nothing but good thoughts and good intentions. We are so happy they went hiking that day ~ GR is very lucky to have you in the family. Thank you...all five of you are very special to us!



Shannon & Jeff with Saige & Masen & Golden Georgia & Sadie



Sandy #1943

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We had decided to get a sister for our 12-year-old Golden, Kelly, so were very excited to get a phone call from GR saying they may have a dog for us.

When we met Sandy, we could tell right away that she was the one and we were so right.

Sandy is a very happy, cuddly girl who loves life and particularly loves belly rubs. One of her cutest qualities is when she becomes a pillow for Kelly's head. It is so sweet to see. Sandy is keeping Kelly young and they play-wrestle frequently. We were told that Sandy was a disaster on leash but with the help of a gentle-leader, she learned very quickly and now walks beautifully. She is getting to know all the dogs in the neighbourhood and is becoming quite the popular girl. This summer she will experience the joy of swimming and boating on Manitoulin. We have no doubt she is going to love that. Thank you Sandy and thank you GR!

Laurie, Matt, Sean, Ryan, Ashley & Kelly

Meet & Greet



Sandy #1943 with Kelly

GOLDEN SUNSETS

Colby #1815 & Hawk #1831 ~ In loving memory of these two boys who spent their last days with Sheri & Barry. Slow walks and car rides were joyful. Always in our hearts! **Patti**

Fred #801 ~ Fred was the gentlest Golden you'd ever meet and the classic Golden goofball. We suspect it was his time to cross the Rainbow Bridge to meet up with his soul-mate Ginger #802. May you both run like the wind, cuddle, and bug each other. My sadness is for Cynthia who has a very empty home and another empty canoe. We will miss that sweet face! **Viive, Iain & our gang who played with Freddie not long ago**



Fred #801



Ginger #1668

Ginger #1668 ~ In the beginning... Christmas 2011, you were 6.5 as my 'new' foster girl. You came to me terrified of people and pets and with extreme separation anxiety and an inability to relax. After two short years, you learned that humans loved you and you could trust people. You had a lot of love to give ~ not just to my family but to the community. You visited seniors in a local home where you became their 'pet therapy' weekly visitor. At Christmas 2013, you suddenly were sick ~ cancer took you from me too soon and you left for the Rainbow Bridge on January 13th but you were now such a different girl. With unconditional love, hard work, stability, and daily routines, you were less scared, your long-term separation anxiety was cured and short term was becoming better. We will all miss you immensely 'Gingerella'...you became such a treasured part of our family. I hope my other three Golden retrievers greeted you at the Rainbow Bridge and you could swap stories. **Kayren**

Ginger #1668 ~ Ginger will continue to live in our hearts and as GR's Facebook poster girl. She had a huge and quirky personality and was a true ambassador for rescue. You have left a big pawprint on Kayren's heart and you will be missed by all who knew you. **Viive**

Jewel #1591 ~ In the summer of 2011, Jewel came to Golden Rescue as a sadly neglected 10-year-old girl. She was virtually crippled



Jewel #1591

with arthritis and covered in skin lesions. Her foster family, Hillary and Jim Alton, took her in with open arms and realized very quickly what a special dog she was. Under their exemplary care and the love they (along with their Golden Tiffany and Phil the cat) bestowed on her, she blossomed. She was given the opportunity to live the life she should have had from birth. She learned to be a dog ~ exploring the outdoors with Tiffany, pruning Hillary's shrubs, rolling in the garden, and even taking short walks and on her good days, joyfully trotting stiff-legged after a squirrel. Despite her serious health issues, she had a wonderful loving personality that put a smile on the face of anyone who met her. Her lesions and arthritis required constant monitoring and care so it was decided that she would remain with Hillary and Jim for the duration of her life. Sadly, Jewel crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on February 4. We know she is free of pain, chasing squirrels in earnest alongside her sister Tiffany. Bless you Jewel... you were a grand old girl. **Jane**

Jolie #1858 ~ In loving memory of Jolie ~ a dear and sweet Golden girl who crossed the Rainbow Bridge too soon. We spent eight glorious hours transporting Jolie and fell in love with this gentle girl in two minutes. We almost didn't stop at her fosters and almost dog-napped her! She had the best life possible with Linda...and she will be sadly missed. **Viive**

Lucy #1973 ~ Lucy touched our hearts in the very short time she was with us. Foster mom, Patricia, showered her with love and cuddles. Her beautiful face and smile will always be remembered. **Patti**

Maggy #1622 ~ Maggy...Miss Maggy. My cuddle pup. Miss Mischief. Maggy Houdini (she loved to escape!) All of these nicknames reflected the personality and character of this very special Golden who touched so many hearts. Maggy was with us for almost 22 months as a GR foster before she went on her last adventure as the Viamede Resort dog where she did a wonderful job as Director of Ruffrecreation! Just past her fifth year, Maggy was defeated by the epilepsy that plagued her. She did so well at her forever home that for a brief time Maggy was able to drop one of her medications and her dad said he was able to see the young dog that Maggy could be. We will never forget Maggy ~ she brought a ton of love into the world and left it having given many of her humans the opportunity to share that love with her. Darling Maggy ~ be at peace. **Gail & Berry**



Maggy #1622

Maggy #1622 ~ In loving memory of beautiful Maggy ~ Ben and Viamede's golden treasure! She had a mind of her own that made us laugh and a sweet disposition that made us smile. Our deepest sympathies to Ben, the wonderful folks at Viamede, and Maggy's fosters, Gail and Berry! Gone but never forgotten. **Patti & Viive**

Maggie #1692 ~ Maggie came into our lives as a foster in March 2012 and we instantly fell in love with her and a few months later adopted her. She was so shy and timid at first but she soon came into her own.



Maggie #1692

Maggie came to us a mature girl but it seemed like her life had just started. Everything was a shiny new adventure to her ~ from walking on a leash, discovering the lake for the first time, climbing stairs...she had to learn everything new. Maggie was the most gentle and loving dog; she was our lovebug. Maggie made us laugh constantly from the way she wagged her tail enthusiastically when we came home, to the way she would get so excited for plain old kibble ~ this was the only time she ever barked! Words cannot explain the joy she brought into our lives and cannot explain the heartbreak we feel losing her. For such a small dog (only 58lbs)...she filled our house and our hearts with laughter, love, and a wonderment of life. Maggie will always be in our hearts and we will always find comfort in remembering her little Maggie-isms. I greeted Maggie everyday as my sweet angel-dog; you could see the love and gentle spirit in her eyes. I believe that Maggie came into our lives with a gift of guidance and hope. We had tried for a baby for over eight years and it is with joy that on February 2nd we finally welcomed the birth of our son. The tragedy is that Maggie left us on January 31st, two short days before his birth. I believe that she was with us to teach us many life lessons of enjoying the moment, hope and second chances. Thank you our sweet Magpie for your selfless love and giving us hope.

Although our home has new life with our son and all the newborn life, our house is too quiet without your beautiful large spirit. **Kimberly, Derek & Golden sister Cali**

St. Nick #1660 ~ In memory of St. Nick ~ a kind and gentle Golden who was given a much deserved second chance. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. **Viive**

Sherlock #657 ~ In memory of Sherlock, beloved boy to Diana and best friend to Harley #1787. This big, beautiful boy will fondly be remembered as a wonderful ambassador for GR and for his unique diving style at the Golden Rescue picnic. A true rescue, Sherlock has left pawprints on the hearts of all that knew him. **Cherie**

Suzie #1808 ~ 'Suesu' was a loving sweet old dear who enjoyed all the pampering that foster Lori showered on her. Run free sweet girl! **Patti**

WISHBONE LOTTERY

Winners Are...



Shadow #1342 & Chloe

1st

The Grand Prize, which is a \$25,000 travel voucher and \$2,000 cash goes to:
Gloria Staines ~ ticket #0869

2nd

The Second Prize, which is a trip for two to Jamaica plus \$4,000 cash goes to:
Roxy Alexander ~ ticket #2083

3rd

The Third Prize, which is a travel voucher in the amount of \$4,000 plus \$1,000 cash goes to:
Elizabeth Wilson ~ ticket #4349

Thank you to everyone...

who made this fundraiser a success ~ for those of you who bought tickets and those of you who helped us sell them. YOU made the Wishbone Lottery a success!!



Where will you go next year?