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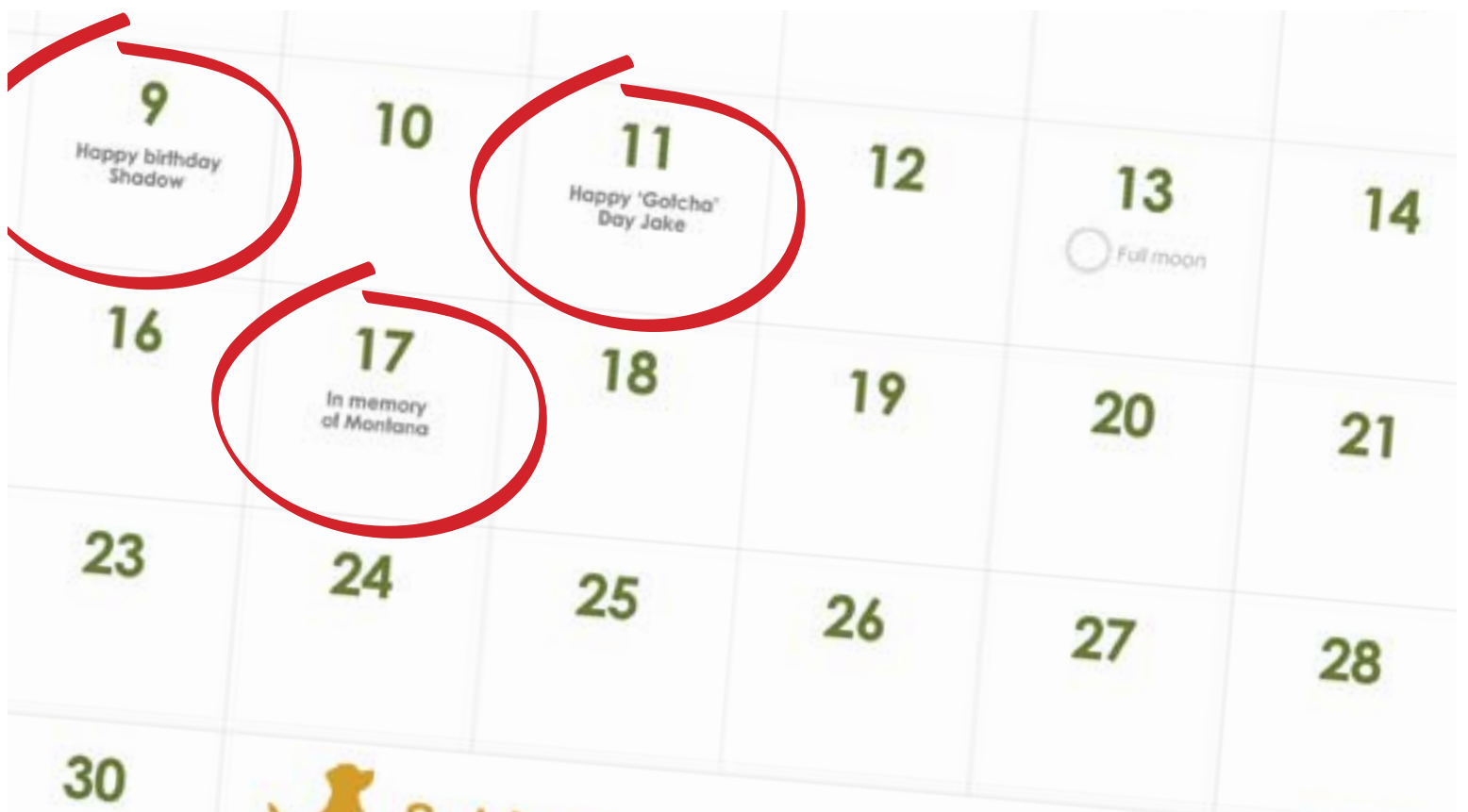
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Macky #1428

ARE YOU A
**golden
retriever**
BELIEVER?





Bailey #1838



#1780: Beau is a marshmallow moose. Big and lovable, Beau actually adopted and the two of them play and sleep together. Beau loves people, particularly en. He recently discovered camping and sleeping in the tent...and loves both!

Is Your Golden Looking For A Date?

Deadline for both: July 15th

Add your commemorative dates in the 2015 Golden Rescue Calendar!

You'll never forget this special day if it's printed in the calendar. Happy Birthday Shadow, Happy 'Gotcha' Day Jake, In memory of Montana... choose as many as you'd like and order by using the enclosed form. \$20 per commemorative date

We need your Golden pictures!

Please e-mail photos@golden-rescue.net or mail a disc to GR in Barrie, Attention 'Photos'.

Please make sure you tell us who's who and their rescue numbers.

Here are some photo tips:

- > Set your digital camera to highest settings (largest photo)
- > Phone cameras don't take the best photos for print
- > Don't make photos smaller to email



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Macky #1428 ~ This is Macky #1428. He is a miracle at 15 years young. He's reminding us about the brutal winter we all just went through, although Macky took it in good spirits. Macky is wearing his Canada hat to remind us that Canada Day is just around the corner and that summer is finally here. He may not be as spry as he once was but he's still active and loves his car rides. In fact, if he doesn't think the ride was long enough, he'll simply stay in the car until he's ready to get out. He is a handsome boy whose adoring eyes will melt your heart.

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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



WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue Events?

Awareness events all over the place! Join us, have fun, and help our Golden Retrievers!

Event Name	Dates	Location
LCBO Days	June 7th	Windsor, Peterborough, Cobourg, Lindsay
St. Jacobs Farmers Market	June 7th	North of Waterloo
Maplelane Reunion	June 21st (rain date June 22nd)	Alliston
Car Rally	June 21st	Horseshoe Valley to Port Severn
Golden Retriever Club of Canada National Specialty	August 2&3	Kemptville
Woofa-roo Pet Fest	August 9&10	Windsor/Amherstberg
New Edinburgh Garage Sale	September	New Edinburgh (Ottawa area)
LCBO Tag Days	September 6th	Cambridge (200 Franklin Blvd) Kingston (1280 Bath Rd) Markham (192 Bullock Dr)
St. Jacob's Farmer's Market	September 13th	North of Waterloo
GR Picnic & Guinness World Book of Records	September 21st	Alliston
Bala Cranberry Festival	October	Bala
Ottawa Pet Expo	November	Ottawa
Oro-Medonte Artisan Tour	November	Oro-Medonte (Orillia)
Pickering Markets	December	Pickering

“I wish we could do this at our LCBO!”

Help our Golden Retrievers by approaching your local LCBO!

As most of you know, we do Tag Days at LCBO stores. What you might not know is you could do one in your area by simply approaching your local store manager. They may ask you to fill in a form but it's not much harder than that. You're most welcome to apply as a representative of Golden Rescue, as a caring supporter.

If you'd like to help (how wonderful if you would) and you're given a date for a Tag Day, please let our events team know and they'll post it on our website and help with getting supplies for the day as well as other volunteers and their Golden Retrievers. Please email events@golden-rescue.net for more information, help or with the fabulous news that you've secured a Tag Day in your area.

Thank you for your help!



Left & Above: Max and Stanley hard at work

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



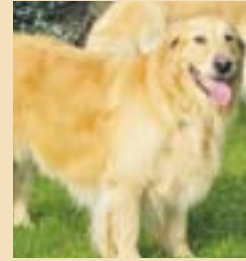
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Emma #1856



Koda #1924



Riley #1925



Cali #1933 & Zoe #1932



Andy #1979 & Chloe #1115



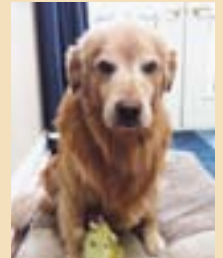
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Oscar #1985



Ozzie #1987



Bailey #1993



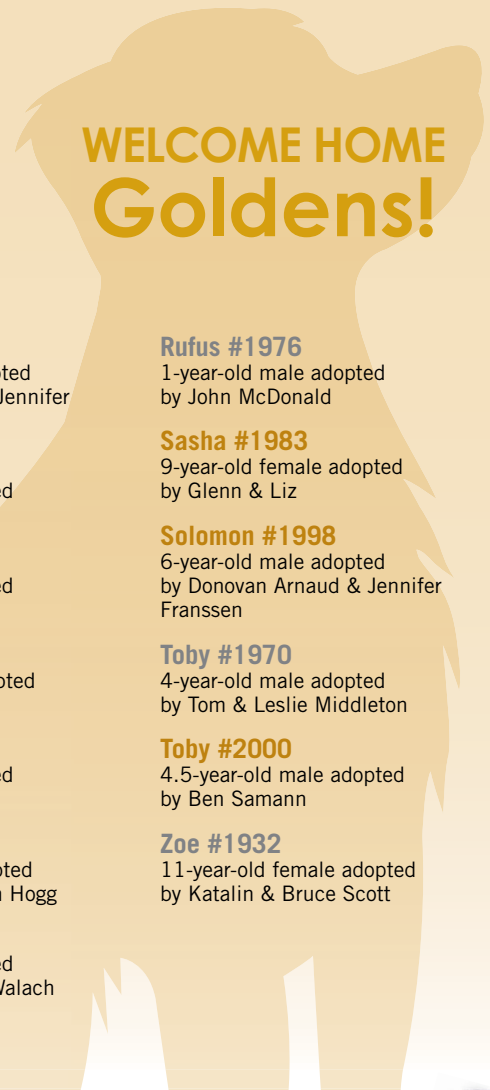
Solomon #1998 & Melody #1999



Toby #2000



Gibson #2009



WELCOME HOME
Goldens!

Abbott #1947

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

Abby #1981

1-year-old female adopted by Karen Guylee

Andy #1979

5-year-old male adopted by Renata Kurpiewski

Bailey #1993

10-year-old male adopted by Sara Houstoun & Larry Evox

Barkley #1971

5.5-year-old male adopted by Tom & Leslie Middleton

Cali #1933

6-year-old female adopted by Katalin & Bruce Scott

Cooper Casey #1954

2-year-old male adopted by Kelly & Rob Jennings

Daytona #1962

8-year-old male adopted by Sandra Kent

Emma #1856

7-year-old female adopted by Judy Bell

Gibson #2009

7.5-year-old male adopted by Ben McCabe

Jenna #1997

3-year-old female adopted by Larry Hurst

Koda #1924

8.5-year-old male adopted by Michael & Elizabeth Hogg

Kujo #1975

6-year-old male adopted by Tammy Mayhew

Maggie #1986

2-year-old female adopted by Karen Holt

Manny #1953

4.5-year-old male adopted by Elizabeth & Paul O'Neill

Max #1480

3-year-old male adopted by Ann Sharpe

Melody #1999

5-year-old female adopted by Donovan Arnaud & Jennifer Franssen

Munroe #1984

8-year-old male adopted by Peter Stevens

Oliver #1964

2-year-old male adopted by Jenny Rieger

Oscar #1985

4-month-old male adopted by Freda Smith

Ozzy #1987

6-year-old male adopted by Heather Michon

Riley #1925

7.5-year-old male adopted by Michael & Elizabeth Hogg

Rolex #1978

4-year-old male adopted by Samantha & Dave Walach

Rufus #1976

1-year-old male adopted by John McDonald

Sasha #1983

9-year-old female adopted by Glenn & Liz

Solomon #1998

6-year-old male adopted by Donovan Arnaud & Jennifer Franssen

Toby #1970

4-year-old male adopted by Tom & Leslie Middleton

Toby #2000

4.5-year-old male adopted by Ben Samann

Zoe #1932

11-year-old female adopted by Katalin & Bruce Scott

Allergies & Nutrition

by Erica Garven

It's finally spring! The flowers are growing, the trees are budding, grass is getting greener ~ and pollen is everywhere! Many people suffer at this time of year from allergies and so can our dogs. We can't keep them in a bubble all summer ~ especially considering that for most dogs, it's their favourite time of year ~ but there are plenty of other things we can do to help them cope.

Dogs can suffer from both food and environmental allergies, typically characterized by chronic ear infections, itchy and stained paws, hot spots, red staining on the face or belly, an itchy body, and gastric upset. First and foremost, it's important that your vet confirms that your dog's chronic issues do stem from allergies, and not another, potentially more threatening health issue. When everything else is ruled out, managing allergies can be challenging, but not impossible. While environmental allergies can be difficult to avoid, food allergies can be dealt with easily by eliminating the food that the dog is having a reaction to. Pervasive allergic responses can also result in your dog developing allergies to other things; an allergy prompts an immune response, and when the immune system is constantly reacting to something, it can sometimes start to react to things it never did in the past, so food allergies can lead to environmental allergies, and vice versa.

Addressing a food allergy is best done through an elimination diet. Until recently, allergy testing was unreliable and costly, often resulting in frustration for the owner when results were inconclusive. Dr. Jean Dodds, the world's leading researcher on thyroid function, nutrigenomics, and now allergies, has developed a wonderfully easy and comprehensive testing system, providing a lengthy list of foods that your dog may or may not be allergic to. By visiting her site, nutriscan.org, you can complete the online application, pay the fee (\$285), and they'll send you a simple kit to collect saliva from your dog which you'll send back, followed by the test results within a few short weeks. So far, next to elimination diets, this has been the most reliable test for food allergies. For many, though, the cost can be prohibitive. An elimination diet is more economical as the only associated costs are the foods you choose to use, and for many, it is still the only real way to know what your dog can tolerate. We begin this process by simplifying the diet as much as possible, usually with only one protein and one carb, and then build the diet from there (for kibble feeders, the best kibble for this is the series of Limited

Ingredient diets from Natural Balance, or for commercial raw feeders, a new veterinary line of whole food, lightly processed food called Rayne is also available).

The most common mistake we make in elimination diets is time. An allergy can stay in the body for up to 12 weeks and when we're making changes after just a couple of days or weeks, we may not be seeing the true results of the food test. For example, if your dog is allergic to chicken and you switch to a salmon based diet, you'll need to stay on the salmon diet (unless of course the condition worsens) for 12 weeks before you'll know if your dog is reacting to something in the new diet. Once you've passed the 12 week point and your dog is showing improvements, begin adding one new ingredient (even if in the form of a topper or a treat) every two weeks, provided there are no additional allergic reactions. Remember though, if you add a food that causes a reaction, you'll be back into that 12 week cycle. The idea being that eventually, you'll have built a list of foods that your dog tolerates well so that you can expand their diet options. Be sure that everyone who has access to your dog understands his strict diet limitations as one little tidbit fed from a friend can result in 12 weeks of waiting! Also be cautious of treats (staying within your approved ingredient list) and access to other dogs' food in multi-dog households.

TIP: most dogs will react to a food that they've had in abundance throughout their life and, for many, that begins with grains and chicken. A good starting point for those new to elimination diets is to cut out grain (not just gluten-free) and chicken first, and see how your dog improves.

Environmental allergies are typically things like pollen, grasses, trees, and other outdoor stimulants. If you believe your dog has both forms of allergy, keep in mind that an elimination diet can be very challenging to conduct when your dog may also be reacting

Erica & Toby



to pollens. For those of us with dogs who have both types, elimination diets are really only reliable when done during the colder months. For many, medications like Benadryl or steroids seem to be the only option to stave off symptoms of outdoor allergies, and sometimes, they are necessary. While I'm a big fan of using as many holistic options as I can, medications have their place. If despite all your efforts, your dog's allergy symptoms are causing secondary health issues like chronic loose stool, gastric upset, chewing of their paws or skin to the point of bleeding or even aural hematomas from chronic ear infections, you may need to medicate your dog. Risk of skin infections, pain from self-harm, and even repeated surgery to deal with hematomas are all detrimental to your dog's health; therefore, often a compromise must be made to weigh the damage from medications versus the damage from these health issues. However, options are available to not only protect your dog's body from medications, but also to reduce or eliminate the need for them. Milk Thistle is a wonderful supplement to protect the liver as is Turmeric, which can also help to balance the immune system. Fish oil acts to not only promote a healthy coat, but also contains anti-inflammatory properties to help manage allergy response. Probiotics are probably the most important addition to a dog's diet when dealing with the yeast that develops in an allergy dog and it should be provided in the form of either powder or tablet (yogurt just doesn't have enough probiotic in it to provide the relief you're looking for without feeding so much dairy it upsets your dog's stomach).



Probiotics should always have a wide range of bacteria strains, beyond just acidophilus, and well known brands like Omega Alpha or Kazooticals will provide just what your dog needs. Raw, local honey is also a gentle way to desensitize your dog to pollens, and if used long term, can have considerable effects. It should always be raw so that the pollens haven't been destroyed via pasteurization and should always be local so that your dog is slowly exposed to the pollens from the area where you live. Lastly, topical treatments like Apple Cider Vinegar (always organic, with 'mother', never apply to broken skin as it can burn), Colloidal Silver (don't give internally to a dog on probiotics, as it can counter-act the probiotic), Coconut Oil and Oil of Oregano are all great products for destroying yeast build up, conditioning the skin, and relieving itch.

Tips:

- Because allergies are the result of the immune system's over reaction, limiting your dog's exposure to toxins is a great way of preventing or reducing allergies. If the immune system is always being challenged by toxins, it never has a chance to 'relax' and function normally. Consider

eliminating scent diffusers and plug-ins in your home, avoid fabric sprays that your dog will walk/lie on and then consume through licking themselves, and switch to natural cleaning products.

- The AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) has recently changed its vaccination protocols for core vaccines to once every three years. Do some research on the science available about vaccines and speak to your vet (and perhaps get a second opinion from a holistic vet) about minimal vaccine protocols. The science available to us about canine immunology and vaccinations is far different from that which is available about humans and children, and well worth the investigation on your part
- Choose high quality supplements. Many 'for dogs' supplements are waste product from human production and aren't required to meet the same standards. Quality companies do exist, like Omega Alpha, Ascenta, Mercola, and Purica, but in many instances, a human product can be used. I like to purchase all my dog's supplements at health food stores ~ the

cost may be slightly higher but the results are considerably different versus grocery or pharmacy/cosmetic store brands, and well worth the investment

- Keep a journal of what your dog eats, what changes you make, the season, and how your dog is seeming to feel. Working with allergies is a long-term commitment and we can easily forget what works and what doesn't. Tracking your progress (or lack thereof) can make life much easier and avoid duplication of trial and error

Watch this space for Erica's next article about how to choose the right food for your dog, and later on, about how to manage your dog's weight! Erica is the owner of The Dog's Assistant and is not only an allergy consultant, but also a behaviour consultant (CPDT-KA). She shares her home with her husband and her rescued Boxer, Toby, in Oakville. You can find more information about her at www.thedogsassistant.ca.



Meet & Greet

Beau #1779 & Goldie #1780

Meet Beau and Goldie...our dynamic duo. These magnificent Golden Retrievers bring pure joy into our lives each day. They got introduced to camping and were superstars. Perhaps Beau was more 'super' than Goldie as Goldie spent the night trying to slowly creep into our sleeping bags. They were introduced to a new cat this year and the three of them love each other. The cat particularly loves Beau but doesn't leave Goldie out as, whenever she is not swooning over Beau, she plays tag with Goldie. They both bring us unconditional love and brighten up our home and, yes, our tent as well. We love them...thank you Golden Rescue!

Sean

Meet & Greet



Maggie #1935

Meet Maggie or 'Maggie-Moo' as we keep calling her. She is a master leaner...in fact, she got the gold medal for leaning at the 2013 Doggie Olympics. She also won the silver for the 'throwing yourself on the ground, rolling over, grinning, belly rub' competition the same year. She still loves her crate and has an indoor and outdoor insulated one. She also passed doggie school with flying colours, impressing everyone in the class, including the teacher.

Of course she is a bit like the well behaved child in public and the little tear while at home (only kidding... sort of). Her 'sit', 'stay', 'leave it', 'heel', 'lie down' are 10 out of 10 but her 'come' is a work-in-progress. She is a pure delight and also the delight of the neighbourhood kids ~ her tail almost becomes a roto-tiller the second she sees them coming. Maggie-Moo...we love you!

Kim



Sweetie #1974 ~ A Sweet Story

Over the past few years, I have fostered several Golden Retrievers, but none have touched my heart the way Sweetie has. Her past history, like many that come into rescue, is vague. Apparently, she was 'found' and then sold on Kijiji to a loving family. They took her into their home or rather they tried to. Over several months, they could not convince this terrified girl to come in from her hiding place in the garage. Recognizing that they could not manage her fears, the family contacted Golden Rescue and surrendered her for further care. Along the way, she was named Sweetheart or Sweetie, a reflection of her sweet personality and desperate need for love and safety.

Sweetie arrived in early January. It took four people and about an hour to convince her that it was safe to come into the house. After Sweetie was introduced to my pack, she spent the remainder of the day curled up in a corner with her face to the wall. For the first few weeks, any noise or sudden movement would cause her to collapse onto the floor in a terrified heap. She wore a harness to aid in getting her up whenever she froze in fear. She was on leash for every trip into the back yard for several weeks to keep her calm. As the weeks passed, she began to relax in the house and became comfortable in the presence of other dogs and cats.

Some of Sweetie's first trips out of the house were for medical care. In addition to the vet care routinely provided by GR, Sweetie was diagnosed with a heart murmur that required additional investigation. Thankfully, the tests indicated that the murmur was mild and would not affect the quality or length of her life. Sweetie is now spayed and micro-chipped, with a clean bill of health.

Sweetie continues to make slow progress. For example, initially, she would not take a treat. Then, she would take a treat but only with other pups around and she would run off with it. Now, she is willing to take a treat from me and eat it with me in sight, even if the other pups are not in the room.

Interestingly, in the past few weeks, she has become a bit destructive when left alone. Increased visits from the pet sitter have helped with this and it seems to be related to separation anxiety. Walking on leash remains a significant challenge for her as external stimuli continues to overwhelm her, leading her to freeze in place or try to hide. She has begun to play with the other dogs in the home and although each session only

lasts a few seconds, I am encouraged that she is now interacting with the other dogs rather than just watching them.

Meet & Greet



Sweetie's recovery has been and will continue to be aided by the other Golden Retrievers in the home. It is beautiful to see the love and healing that occurs when dogs learn from one another. She is learning not to be afraid of each noise and new experience...that the yard is a place to chase and play...that toys are fun...and that coming when she's called results in treats and cuddles. Sweetie's progress is slow but she continues to take baby steps towards a new life of peace and happiness.

Kim



Sweetie #1974 says...

I would never have made it without my loving foster home!!!

I was terrified and in trouble. I spent weeks laying in the corner with my face to the wall. Now I've learned to play with my toys and I'm learning to trust. Thanks to my foster family I'm going to make it!

More Foster Homes Desperately Needed

Without our fabulous fosters, our program would grind to a halt. There is no better feeling than to see the light come back into the eyes of a dog who has lost faith or to see your foster going to a great life with their new family. Many of the Golden Retrievers coming to us are easy to foster. We do not get many cases like Sweetie but whatever the need...WE NEED YOU!

If you have been thinking of ways to help our Golden Retrievers, please consider fostering!

Fast and furiously, we continue to have Golden Retrievers coming into our care! We urgently need foster homes. 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.

We especially need fosters who are willing to take pairs, work with special needs (i.e. epilepsy, separation anxiety) or behaviour issues (i.e. food guarding, socialization). We also need foster homes with no other pets at home.

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!



Golden Rescue in the Guinness Book of World Records...can you imagine?

by Viive Tamm



Here's how it all began...

On a chilly day in November while walking with my gang, I started thinking about our annual picnic. I was wishing that the endless winter would come to a close and that we would soon be enjoying the happiest day of the year ~ GR's picnic.

The picnic is simply a fabulous event... so would it even be possible for it to get any better?!? If so, how? And how could we broaden the picnic's scope and bring more awareness to rescue in general.

And then it hit me...a Guinness World Record! What's bigger than making it into the Guinness Book of World Records? (and I hadn't even had my first pint yet!).

So, the idea was born! Now we had to figure out what Record we could break. After a fair bit



of research and some lively conversations, we are happy to announce that the Guinness World Record that we will be attempting is:

Largest Dog Grooming Lesson!

Our goal: 400+ dogs (the record is 339)

Goldens...Rescues...All Dogs WELCOME! And two-legged family members are welcome too! In anticipation of this momentous occasion, Conair® has already donated 400 dog brushes for our picnic...so come and get your Guinness World Book of Records' keepsake.

RSVP TODAY:
picnic@goldenrescue.ca

Please let us know how many people and, even more importantly, how many dogs will



be attending! Help us get the number of dogs we require by inviting your friends, family, and neighbours. Keep your eye on our website 'picnic counter' to see how many dogs are still needed. And share our FB posts and retweet our picnic announcements. We need to spread the word far and wide.

We CAN do this!!!

So far...83 dogs have RSVP'd...are you coming?



22ND ANNUAL PICNIC



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

10am - 4pm @ Maplelane Farm
6311 12th Line, RR #4, Alliston ON



A Fantastic Fun-Filled Day For You and Your Dogs!

RSVP TODAY!

picnic@goldenrescue.ca

Please include, number of people and number of dogs attending.



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ALL DOGS WELCOME! (2pm - 3pm) World Record Attempt: Largest Grooming Lesson.

\$10 per person or \$25 per family

Includes lunch, drinks, dog bandana & dog brush

Our AMAZING annual picnic also includes:

- Leash-free area for dogs to run and play at the picturesque Maplelane Farm: www.maplelanegoldens.com
- Our most popular activities...Dock Diving and Agility
- Incredible food catered by the exceptional team from Viamede Resort viamede.com
- Our annual memorial service held to honour the memories of all of our Golden companions who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge
- Activities including the Ca nine Games featuring the 'Best Dressed Dog.' Start planning your costumes!
- Fabulous Silent Auction - Please contribute items to our silent auction by contacting: sa@goldenrescue.ca
- General Store & Photo Contest
- Facebook Friends...Meet the Golden Rescue community that you've been connecting with on Facebook
- A DJ and Live band 'RadioFlyer'

VOLUNTEERS

We need the help of energetic enthusiastic people who want to have an amazing experience. Be a part of making the 2014 picnic the best one yet!

Sign-up today at:

volunteer@golden-rescue.net.

www.goldenrescue.ca





Dexter #1919

Dexter started his life out as a stray and was originally called Evan. He had been knocked around, was adopted, but was returned to GR. Dexter is a wonderful dog, inside and out, but as his name might imply, there are two sides to him. He can lose his mind and his manners when he encounters other dogs. This is getting progressively better and on the advice of his foster and behaviourists, we are working on improving this side of Dexter's personality. I'm sure he came by his behaviours honestly and in every other way he is a sweetheart...but he need lots of love, patience, and consistent training to improve his socialization. We have had our lovely boy for almost a year and he's a five-year-old who loves his car rides and walks. He is very well trained and loving and even his aggression with other dogs is slowly improving. We see hopeful signs in the neighbourhood every day. For example, we went on a lovely walk with a cute little collie the other day with no incident whatsoever...fingers crossed! Dexter is settling in to our family beautifully and we love him. If he got along with other dogs he would be absolutely perfect and in our experience, there is no such thing...but he's darn close!

Marianne & Don

MEET & GREET

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Honestly, those Golden retrievers will do *anything* for attention!”

Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep
The king-sized bed is soft and deep
I lie right in the centre groove
My human family can hardly move
I've trapped their legs, they're tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Til morning comes and I want food
I sneak up slowly to begin
And nibble on my human's chin
For morning's here, it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.

So, thank you very much for giving me
This human person that I see
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares their bed with me at night.



Buddy #839

Victories and Near Misses

by Jillian Stewart

On behalf of Golden Rescue, I recently had the wonderful opportunity to speak with City TV's Keeley Rogers about the need to remove ads for animal sales on Kijiji. We also chatted about a petition that has been circulating since last year, urging Kijiji to remove these ads in order to help eliminate the number of puppy mills, backyard breeders, and subsequent homeless animals in the country.

Kijiji's response to this petition has been the recent move to implement a \$4.99 fee for those advertising in the animal sales category (shelters and rescues are exempt from paying this fee). This new policy demonstrates a positive step in the right direction, as it creates a paper trail and attempts to establish some authentication of those posting animals for sale online.

With every small victory, there is a disadvantage, and in this case, some sellers have begun to falsely identify themselves as shelters with dogs for "adoption" or "rehoming". Sellers also post under the accessories category to avoid paying the fee and creating the necessary profile.

This petition is gaining greater ground and allies, with nearly 66,000 people now in support. We have called on our committed GR supporters many times over the last several months to express your desire to see this necessary change and each time you have come through.

To date, WestJet, RBC, Tangerine, National Bank, Zulily, and Toyota Canada have all made the commendable decision to remove their ads from the animal sales pages and we thank them for taking a leadership role on this important issue.

One of the personal insights that I was able to bring to the interview with Ms. Rogers was detailing the potential effects of advertising animals online. In 2009, we adopted our beloved Bowden through Golden Rescue after he came to the organization through a raid on a puppy mill in Quebec. Before his rescue, Bowden was being housed in a cage in a barn, likely to be used as a stud dog for the puppy mill, as he had outgrown the profitable puppy appeal. Although Bow carried many invisible wounds from his gruesome experience, his eternal sunny spirit was remarkably always the victor.

The following year, we brought our 'Skylie bird' home, a beautiful eight-year-old girl who had been dangerously advertised as 'free to a good home' on Kijiji. Luckily, one of our dedicated volunteers saw the post and Skye's previous owner made the sound decision to release her into Golden Rescue's care and she came home to us for the last time.

I often wonder what would have become of my dogs if different fates



Skye #1595, Jillian
& Bowden #1241

had aligned. Would Bow continue to suffer in the barn until he was no longer useful and therefore not needed? What if Golden Rescue had not seen my sweet senior online and she had been picked up by scammers with dishonest intentions? Thankfully, I will never have to know.

Many of you reading this will have rescue dogs at home with similar backgrounds ~ stories of suffering, abuse, and near misses. Because of organizations such as Golden Rescue, I can believe that goodness will prevail and the hearts of allied rescuers will make a lasting change. I feel like I have won the lottery twice, but with our beloved dogs, I prefer not to make any bets.

Meet & Greet

Prince # 1878

Prince is an absolute Prince! This amazing boy had a difficult beginning and how he trusts people nowadays is a testament to his courage. I have rescued many dogs over the years but none as special as Prince. His temperament is extraordinary and he just wants to be with us and to please us. Prince is my wife's first dog and she is besotted. His health is good. His weight is good. His energy level is good and he loves his walks. He goes everywhere with me, even to the office on weekends. He is an important part of our family and we love him beyond all measure. We are so grateful to Golden Rescue for the work you do and will always support your efforts.

Greg & Maizie

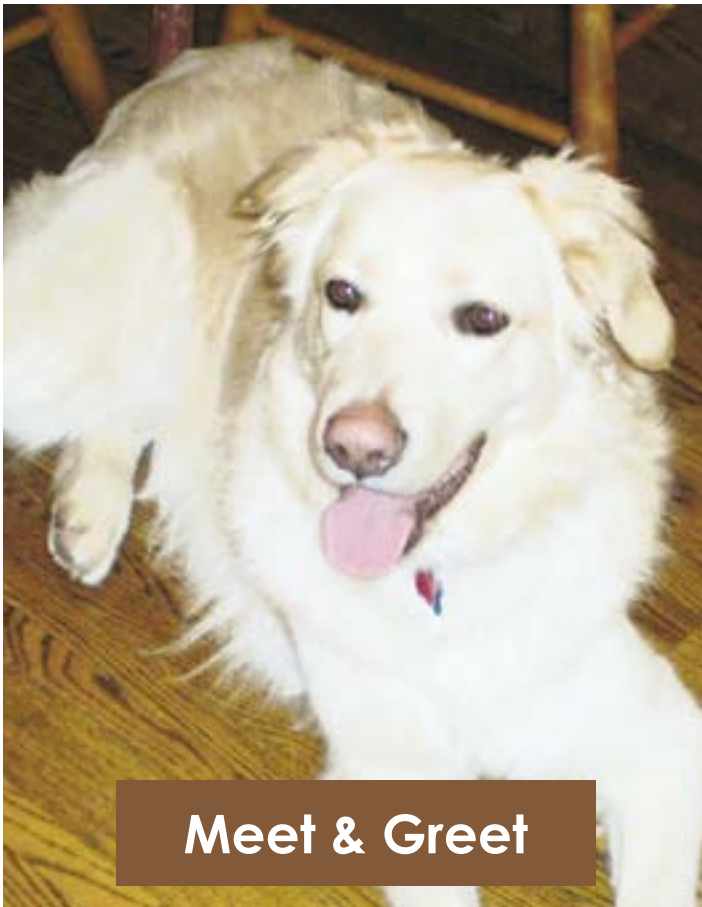


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Meet & Greet

Oliver #1964

Oliver's story is fascinating. He looks like a Golden but doesn't act like one. When he came to Golden Rescue, no one knew what to do with him. He would herd people and other dogs and nip at them. He would jump up in the air and twist his body. Because of this and his 'mixed breed twist', he became known as 'Oliver Twist'. Folks at GR thought he was a biter so there was a most difficult decision to return him to the shelter he came from. One of GR's amazing transport volunteers picked him up on Christmas Eve to return him to the shelter. During his drive, he looked into Oliver's eyes and knew he wasn't a "bad dog"...he might be misunderstood but he had kind eyes. He knew there was a good dog behind those eyes. He pleaded with GR to give Oliver a second chance. GR listened and he came back into GR's fold. It was then determined that Oliver was a Golden/Australian Shepherd mix. This explained everything. Oliver looked like a Golden (mostly) but his temperament and personality was that of a Shepherd. Once this was understood, everything changed and Oliver got the proper care and attention he needed. When he was posted on the website, GR explained fully his appearance and behaviour differences. When I met him, I fell in love immediately and knew I would have to adopt him. Of all the dogs I have trained, Oliver is the quickest learner ~ he is very smart and wants to please. My experience with Golden Rescue has been great. I adopted the dog that was described in his placement description and I absolutely love him. Well done!

Jenny



all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!

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On January 20, 2014, the world became a sadder place with the loss of Chris Smith to cancer. Chris was a larger than life personality, adored by his wife Lynne and family, and his precious Goldens Chelsea (15) and Dasha (6). He was a man of integrity and high principles, but at the same time, had a delightfully wicked sense of humour and a twinkle in his eyes. Chris was a dear friend who has left a large void with his loss. We miss him terribly!

Leila & Earl Marshall

MEET & GREET...

Ozzy #1987

This is Ozzy or Ozzy-Bear or Ozzy McFozy. He is a wonderful boy who loves people, other dogs, and even the next-door cat. His joy knows no bounds when he meets friends (both human and canine) in the neighbourhood. He can be quite a character at times. He loves playing 'chase me' and tag with his stuffies in his mouth. He has the sweetest big button eyes, a great smile, and he tap dances with his front paws when he gets excited. He's a daddy's boy when it comes to rough-housing but he's a momma's boy when it comes to cuddle time. Thank you GR for allowing us to become Ozzy's family ~ he's the best!

Heather



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: sa@goldenrescue.ca

Anything is welcome ~ big or small.

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for your support!

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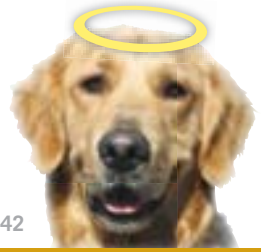
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“Hey she’s smiling at us...let’s make even bigger kiss marks tomorrow!”

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

Angels have no philosophy but love! *Terri Guillemets*

Lori Estey

Lori was introduced to Golden Retrievers through her brother. He had two sweet Golden pups and Lori watched them grow up and fell in love with the breed. On a walk one day with a friend, Lori expressed a desire to find a Golden. Coincidentally her friend was fostering a Golden and one thing led to another and before she knew it, Lori had adopted Sam, an overweight Golden with a broken leg that hadn't healed properly...but to Lori, he was perfect. When Sam first met Lori, he came bounding out of the car, ran to the open door of her house, and literally fell into Lori's arms, and licked her face. Lori and her husband Kevin are like the Brady bunch and have a wonderful blended family of five children, a Westie named Ruby and, of course, Sam. As the children grew up and started to leave the nest, Lori found herself with time on her hands and got the urge to help Golden Retrievers in need. She found GR's website, saw they were having a picnic, and asked if she and Sam could attend. The rest is history! Lori and her family have fostered eight Golden Retrievers so far. They've helped with fundraising and literally anything else they have been asked to do. Lori's 'can-do' attitude is such a breath of fresh air. She thinks her volunteer efforts are selfish as she believes the dogs give her much more than she gives them. You're the best, Lori!!!

Andrew Hunt

Andrew was introduced to Golden Rescue almost by accident. He walked his brother's Golden from time to time and was struck by what a beautiful and friendly breed Golden Retrievers were. He had never had his own Golden but was starting to think that he might like to adopt. After hearing about GR's fostering program, he thought this might be a good way of getting involved, helping Golden Retrievers who needed a second chance, and having Golden Retrievers in his life. So eight fosters later, Andrew is hooked. This wonderful volunteer was very impressed with the support and help he got from the GR team, particularly at the beginning when he didn't have much fostering experience, especially when his first foster proved difficult. He's an old pro now (but not so much of the old). Andrew gives generously of his time to GR, participates in the Purina Walk for Dog Guides, runs a drop-in clinic for adults, and volunteers at the local food bank and with the Good Food Box program. Andrew loves being outdoors, walking or cycling, and he's taking Tai Chi classes. Andrew is busy and kind-hearted and Golden Rescue is SO lucky he took his brother's Golden for a walk and found us. He truly came to our rescue...thank you Andrew!

Laurie Simon

Laurie has been a self-confessed animal lover from childhood ~ she always had a pet ~ dogs, cats, hamsters, fish or turtles. Laurie's first Golden was Mandy, a sweet girl who lived until she was 14. It was Mandy in their life that made Laurie and her husband Lawry (yes, same name, different spelling) fall in love with the breed. Their first introduction to GR was when they adopted their current Golden Spy #940 in 2008. Laurie retired from teaching in 2009 and started volunteering for GR on the placement team. Laurie did foster initially but found saying good-bye just too difficult so she threw herself into placements and to-date has found homes for almost 70 of our precious Golden Retrievers. Laurie was instrumental in developing an adopter's guide (tips to ensuring successful adoptions), which is given to every GR adopter. Lawry was introduced to helping out at shows and enjoyed talking about GR and showing off Spy. They both do SO much for GR ~ fundraising, events, home visits...you name it...they're ready and willing! Laurie is an accomplished artist and has painted her whole life and has done many dog portraits. She also quilts, golfs, travels, cottages in the Muskokas, and spends as much 'nana time' with her grandchildren as possible. Laurie and Lawry are a busy retired couple but they always find time to help Golden Rescue in any way needed. We are grateful to you both...you're truly GR angels!



Kevin and Lori with Sammy & Ruby



Andrew with Eve #2002



Laurie with Spy #940



A Dog's Last Will & Testament

Before humans die,

they write their last Will and Testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask. To a poor and lonely stray I'd give

- **My happy home**
- **My bowl, cozy bed, soft pillows & all my toys**
- **The lap which I loved so much**
- **The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name**

I would will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place that I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds. So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand." Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give MY place to them. This is the only thing I can give...the love I left behind.

Barky #1962

Barky was a sweet old 14.5-year-old who came into GR blind and deaf. His owner had passed away. His final 'Golden months' were spent with Barry & Sheri Dell where he enjoyed daily walks, car rides, and a loving home where he was never alone. One of his charming quirks was that Barky would just walk right over the other dogs and they would just grumble at him and carry on. Rest in peace sweet boy!

Patti & Viive

Duchess #1238

In memory of Duchess #1238 ~ a lovely senior Golden.

Barbara Hakner

Ellie #1577

On July 1, 2011, we made the trip to Oshawa to meet our Ellie. She was waiting for us and when her eyes met Oliver's (he was our one-year-old Golden boy), they ran around like they had been buddies forever. By the time we got home, they had bonded. Every Canada Day, we would celebrate the day Ellie joined our family and we also celebrated her birthday on that day as we never knew how old Ellie truly was. The day she joined our family, we were complete again. Ellie was a wonderful addition to our family. She kept us on a schedule, letting us know when it was time to eat, when it was time for our evening walks, and when it was bedtime. She always brought a stuffy (baby) to greet us at the

door...and our slippers with some coaxing. She loved her car rides and if you left her in the car, she will climb to the front seat and wait for with a big grin for you to return. Just three weeks ago we were approached by someone who had one puppy, Mollie, left from a litter of eight. Oliver was a play buddy but Ellie was her big sister and a snuggle buddy. On May 8 2013, Ellie was having a rough morning and we took her to the vet. A day later we found out she had cancer. We decided it was time to say goodbye to our sweet angel. She was such a beautiful girl with the sweetest soul and deepest dark brown eyes. Ellie would nuzzle up to your face and if she was really excited you would get a big kiss. We were so lucky to have been blessed with our Ellie. She left us way too soon. She has certainly left us with a huge hole in all of our hearts. We are grateful and honoured to belong to the Golden Rescue family. Many thanks to Cherie for all of her support. Ellie, we will never forget you and are looking forward to seeing you again at the Rainbow Bridge. You are forever missed...we will always love you!

Laurie, Pat, Oliver & Mollie Beaubien

Fred #801

In memory of Fred ~ a lovely Golden, who with his dancing partner, Ginger, made a wonderful pair. We have such fond memories of when they were in foster with us and their initial meeting with Cynthia & Paul.

Barbara & John Hakner

Gabriella Ronald

In memory of our sweet Gabby, who went to the Rainbow Bridge March 28, 2014 at the age of 13. She was a special girl who helped us foster 40 rescues throughout her years. She was loving, loyal, silly, and playful. Gabby loved being a 'helper' with anything we were doing and she loved swimming, running free at the conservation area, car rides, cuddles, walks, and every living thing she encountered as well as balls and stuffies. She has left a huge hole in our hearts. Gabby was the reason we became involved with Golden Rescue. Her fur sister and brother miss her terribly as does our whole neighbourhood. Not a day goes by that we don't remember her quirky ways or playful antics. We love and miss you very much. Until we meet again!

Mom (Jan) & Dad (Dick) Ronald



Gabby

Judge #1735

Judge was nine years old when he came to us, but his presence in our lives made such an impact it felt as if we had him from a puppy. Judge was a gentle, loyal, and loving best friend, who loved to go for walks, car rides, and lay outside where he could relax and watch the birds and squirrels. Every morning Judge would come down the stairs



Judge #1735

and stop halfway and look through the railing, and I would say to him "Good morning handsome", and he would continue to pounce down the stairs like a puppy, always happy to see you (and his bowl of food for breakfast!). Judge was quite the character! He loved having 'conversations' with you and enjoyed rolling around on his back while making dinosaur-like noises, but also couldn't resist a good cuddle. On February 12, 2014 in the arms of his mama and dad, Judge made his journey to Rainbow Bridge where his daily medications, his pain, and struggles no longer exist. Although his time with us was short, he gave us a lifetime of happiness, loyalty, and love. Judge left paw prints on many and taught us the importance of living life to its fullest...at any age! Until the day when we reunite, there won't be a day that goes by that we won't miss our handsome boy, Judgey.

**All our love,
Kristen**

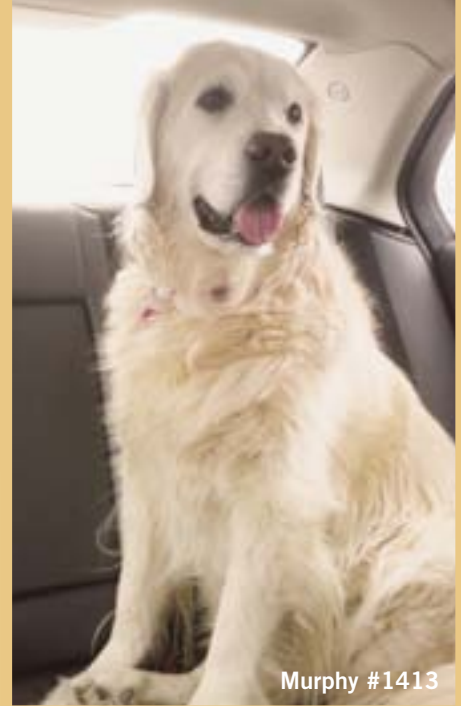
Murphy #1413

Miss Murphy strolled into our house and made it a home. She quietly settled into our routines ~ morning hikes through the forest, afternoon errands in the car, and evenings in the den. She loved to be cuddled but was content just to be close by. In her quiet way, she won the hearts of even those who didn't like dogs. I miss her but know the discomfort of old age was left this side of the Rainbow Bridge.

The Heathers

Piper

In memory of Longgun Highland Piper. Piper was a genuine ambassador of the Golden Retriever. He was a much-loved member of the family, a clown when the situation called for one, a congenial host when welcoming people to his home, and never far away from



Murphy #1413

Ron's shadow. He has a permanent spot in the hearts of both Ron and Norma...they are lost without him. Sweet dreams, Piper.

Leila & Earl Marshall

If you would like to make a memorial donation and have your message appear here, in Golden Sunsets, please send a modest donation and your message to Golden Rescue (attention: Guardian/Sunsets).

Nothing Gold Can Stay

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf,
So Eden sank to grief.
So dawn goes down to day,
Nothing gold can stay.*

Robert Frost



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 *The "Kid" Mitchell Band*, 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!**



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Sophie, Oliver #1576, Gabby & Scout #1575