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The Front Cover

Tag #1082 ~ Here's handsome Tag exploring his new summer home in PEI. Tag is a friend to everyone and his making friends knows no bounds. Whether two-legged, four-legged (or more!), he wants to meet them all. This furry little caterpillar had his work cut out for him...entertaining Tag for quite some time. Tag loves all creatures ~ big and small!

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

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

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

Betty with Shadow #1342 & Kona



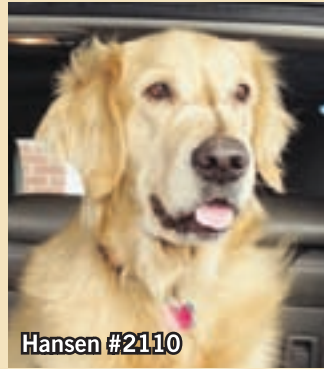
WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Ruby #2100



Baci #2101



Hansen #2110



Annie #2111



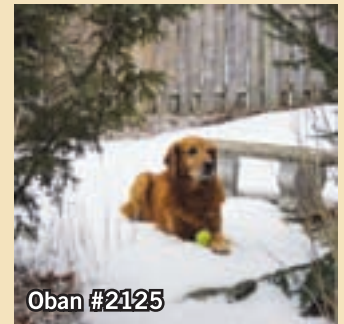
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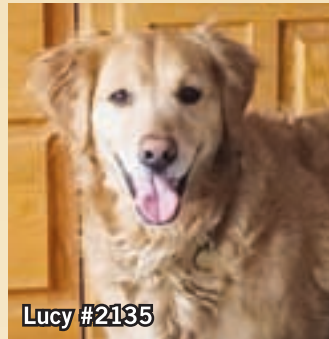
Arabelle #2119



Oban #2125



Reg #2134



Lucy #2135

WELCOME HOME GOLDENS!

Are you ready to adopt a Golden?
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(Adoption/The Adoptions Process)
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Annie #2111
6-year-old female adopted
by Jean & Suzanne

Arabelle #2119
16-month-old female adopted
by Leonard & Nancy

Baci #2101
9.5-year-old male adopted
by Mike & Vicky

Bailey #2130
6-year-old male adopted
by Wayne & Valerie

Baxter #2115
7-month-old male adopted
by Douglas

Bernie #2122
4.5-year-old male adopted
by Stephanie & Jocelyn

Charger #2126
9-year-old male adopted
by Vaughan & Lynda

Charlie #2117
3-year-old male adopted
by Lou & Brenda

Hansen #2110
6.5-year-old male adopted
by Frank & Teresa

Hassle #2053
5-year-old male adopted
by Ron & Joan

Layla #2112 & Lucky #2113
8.5-year-old female & 5.5-year-
old-female adopted
by Paul & Kari

Lilly #2104
4-year-old female adopted
by Tom & Sharon

Lucy #2135
4.5-year-old female adopted
by Alex & Shelagh

Oban #2125
8-year-old male adopted
by Chris & Monica

Oscar #1985
4-month-old male adopted
by Ross & Beverly

Reg #2134
1-year-old male adopted
by Chris & Karen

Ruby #2100
4-year-old female adopted
by John & Amy

Sammy #2123
3-year-old male adopted
by Jeff & Courtney

Scooby #2108
12-year-old female adopted
by Paul & Brigitte

Shiloh #2073
3.5-year-old female adopted
by Elise



WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

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

Dates	Event Name	Location
June 20th	St. Jacobs Farmers Market	Waterloo Area
June 27th	Maplelane Reunion	Alliston
Aug 8th & 9th	Woofa-Roo Pet Fest	Amherstberg
Sep 5th	LCBO Tag Day	Gravenhurst ~ Edward & Talisman
Sep 5th	LCBO Tag Day	Bracebridge ~ Wellington & Muskoka
Sep 5th	LCBO Tag Day	Bala ~ Hwy 169 & Gordon
Sep 5th	LCBO Tag Day	Port Carling ~ Hwy 118 & Medora
Sep 5th	LCBO Tag Day	Washago ~ Hwy 169 & 11
Sep 12th	LCBO Tag Day	Renfrew ~ O'Brian & Wrangler
Sep 12th	LCBO Tag Day	Cambridge ~ Franklin & Dundas
Sep 12th	LCBO Tag Day	Waterloo ~ Columbia & Fischer Hallman
Sep 12th	LCBO Tag Day	London ~ Wonderland & Southdale
Sep 12th	LCBO Tag Day	London ~ Wellington & Bradley
Sep 19th	Golden Rescue Picnic & 25th Anniversary	Viamede Resort ~ Woodview (north of Peterborough)
Sep 25th & 26th	Pet Valu Awareness Days	Hamilton
Oct 3rd	LCBO Tag Day	St. Catharines ~ Glendale & Meritt
Oct 3rd	LCBO Tag Day	St. Catharines ~ Geneva & Scott
Oct 3rd	St. Jacobs Farmers Market	Waterloo Area
Oct 16th - 18th	Bala Cranberry Festival	Bala
Nov 20th & 21st	Christmas Artisans Tour	Oro-Medonte (between Barrie & Orillia)
Dec weekends TBA	The Pickering Markets	Pickering ~ Brock & Bayle

Golden welcome and encouraged to participate! Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Please consider donating some time to help our Golden and have fun while you're at it. If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events, please email volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

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!

Volunteering in a key role is one of the best ways to give to Goldens in need...

General Store Manager

Golden Rescue has a cube van (located at Hwy. #7 and Keele in Toronto), which houses all our merchandise and we call this our 'general store'. We have never had a general store manager but think it would be beneficial to have someone whose sole responsibility would be to keep the truck organized and tidy with all the merchandise properly inventoried and stored. You would also train volunteers about how to run the general store at events and from time to time send supplies to volunteers. Besides being an organizational guru and a neat-nik, it would be helpful to be geographically close to the truck. If you're interested in this role, please email board@goldenrescue.ca.

LCBO Tag Days Event Coordinators

Our LCBO Tag Days are hugely successful and fun events for raising awareness about rescue and specifically about Golden Rescue. Our team needs a few volunteers to help secure locations, organize the events, and liaise with the volunteer coordinators to arrange for sufficient volunteer coverage. You need to enjoy planning events and your strengths include enthusiasm, computer literacy, and multi-tasking. Please email Candace at clabuick@gmail.com if you're interested in helping.

Picnic Volunteers

We need enthusiastic, energetic volunteers to help make our 25th Anniversary Picnic the best ever! Help is needed with:

- > parking
- > registration
- > leash-free area
- > general store
- > silent auction
- > fun-filled games...and much more!

Sign up today at volunteer@goldenrescue.ca and spread the word.

Volunteer Coordinators

Every event we run or attend needs many volunteers ~ two and four legged. We desperately need volunteer coordinators to make this happen. Often there are three or four shifts a day staffing our booth or raising

awareness. This takes a lot of coordination and communication with supporters who volunteer to help. We are looking for willing people with sunny personalities to join a wonderful team, and to give up to 10 hours a week for 3-4 assigned events/year. It requires mostly email and some phone work starting approximately two months prior to the event. People who would enjoy this role are those who are used to checking their email and phone messages every day and are available at event-driven times. You will be given all the tools and support you need to do a good job but you need to be friendly, organized, diligent, and detailed. The job is one of communication and scheduling. It can all be done from your home office and the timeframe is between April and the end of the year. We really need your help. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Terry at tewoodrow@gmail.com.

Website Volunteers

We're looking for someone with some time to spare who has web and email marketing experience. Tasks would include posting content and events to the website and helping with email marketing campaigns. Some design experience would be helpful. Please email Jake at web@goldenrescue.ca if you'd like to learn more about this role.

Thank you for coming to our rescue!



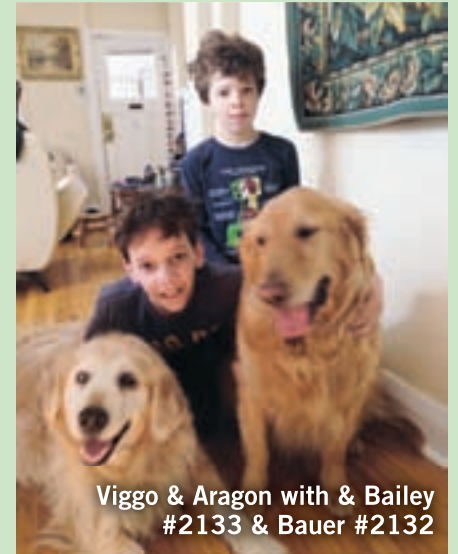
ON THE FENCE ABOUT FOSTERING?

I would rather cry watching them leave our home to live a life of happiness and joy in a loving home than cry because no one stepped up to help them & they died alone, frightened, & sad.

Fostering saves lives. Try it!

Young Fosters...

Viggo and Aragon's family lost their beloved Golden last year and were understandably heartbroken. They just weren't ready to get a new family member yet. Viggo (11 and in the 5th grade) and Aragon (9 and in the 3rd grade) understood and were equally heartbroken but came up with the idea of fostering to help Goldens in need, to bridge the emotional gap the whole family felt, and to give something back and therefore help the healing process. Their parents were struck by their children's Solomon-like wisdom and embraced the idea and signed up to foster. Their foray into fostering was a pair ~ Bauer #2132 and Bailey #2133. Both boys were wonderful; however, Bailey, who is almost blind and deaf, captured their hearts. Bailey and Bauer were adopted and the boys loved the adoptive family. They also learned the meaning of 'bittersweet' when the boys left but all in all, they loved their fostering experience. It is true there is much more power in giving than receiving ~ well done Viggo and Aragon...merci!



Viggo & Aragon with Bauer & Bailey #2133 & Bauer #2132

If you would like to help, please fill in a foster application online. Once you've filled out your application, a volunteer will contact you to go over your application, arrange a home visit, and answer any questions you might have. We also have a foster guide that will provide you with a lot of information about the fostering process and lots of general support from the team. If you'd like to discuss fostering prior to submitting an application, please call our hotline (1-866-712-8444 or 416-657-2445) or email us at info@goldenrescue.ca and a volunteer will call you.





UPDATE

2015 Wishbone Lottery Grand Prize WINNERS!

Ken & Brenda Robinson (ticket #0115) from London, ON are all smiles dreaming of where in the world they are going to go. Board member, Jane Riddell, took her Dylan #1124 and Bear #1624 and presented them with their \$25,000 travel voucher and \$2,000 cash.

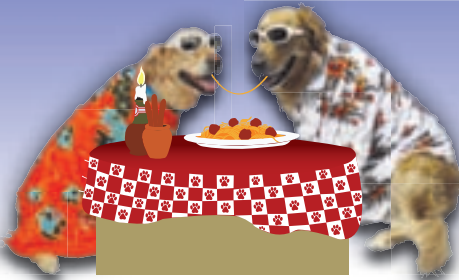
There is almost no place on earth their winnings won't take them. No wonder they're smiling.



Ken & Brenda Robinson with Jane Riddell, Bear #1624 and Dylan #1124

2016 Wishbone Lottery... COMING SOON!

The Wishbone Lottery will be back soon and this is our #1 fundraiser. Without the money generated by the Wishbone Lottery, we would not be able to help all the Golden Retrievers who need us. Please help us sell tickets. If you can try to sell 10 or 20+ tickets, please email board@goldenrescue.ca.



Summer Treats

by Erica Garven

Summer is almost here! There are lots of ways to keep your dog cool, from swimming in the lake to using cooling coats and beds. But what about cool summer treats? We get ice cream, popsicles, and ice cold drinks ~ but what yummy summer treats can our dogs have? Spoil your dog this summer with these cooling treats ~ that are good for them too!

Bone broth

There are many recipes out there for bone broth, but I like to keep it simple. Get some soup bones from your local butcher/grocery meat counter, pop them in a soup pot with plenty of water and a tablespoon or two of apple cider vinegar, bring to a simmer and let

it cook for about 12 hours on low. The bones should come out softened with the marrow completely dissolved. Strain out the bones and voila!, you have bone broth! I freeze mine in ice cube trays and serve frozen as a delicious cold treat.

Bone broth is also packed full of nutrition! Firstly, it's full of joint lubricating ingredients like glucosamine, chondroitin, and hyaluronic acid. It's also an excellent detoxifier for the liver and is full of the amino acids and enzymes that promote a healthy gut ~ it's even an excellent tonic for a sick dog due to its condensed source of nutrients. As I mentioned, there are plenty of ways to cook bone broth, and if you want to boost the nutrition content even more, sources such as Dogs Naturally Magazine suggest adding kelp, nettles, dandelion root, Italian herbs, or even mushrooms (shitake)! Strain these ingredients before freezing. Lastly, make sure you keep that fat that forms at the top of the broth ~ it's full of nutrition too and it's going to add to the overall value of the broth.

Frozen whole bones and fish:

One of my boy's favourite summer snacks is frozen fish. We typically use whole smelts, sardines or horse mackerel, fed straight from the freezer. Smelts can be fed just like treats since they are so small and sardines can be fed outside and your dog will chew it down just like a bone. Fish is packed full of plenty of nutrients, especially Omega 3's, which all our dogs will benefit from. Note that fresh caught fish should always be frozen for at least ten days to kill the bacteria that some fresh fish have, that can be harmful to dogs.

Meat bones are also great fed frozen. Send your dog out to the yard or even inside (on a blanket you can wash later) and they'll happily chew for hours on a frozen beef knuckle bone, turkey neck or pork brisket. This is the best way to clean your dog's teeth and the marrow and fat on the bone are packed with great nutrients!

Frozen Kongs:

The recipes are endless! You can basically stuff the Kong with any food or any combo you like, pop it in the freezer for 24 hours, and you will extend your dog's enjoyment of the Kong by at least double. Dogs Naturally Magazine, K9 Instinct, and even Kong all have great recipes, but really it's about getting creative and not being afraid to add lots of great ingredients! There's the old standby of using pure peanut butter, but I like to mix that up by using different nut butters, adding banana or berries or even mashed sweet potato. You can

Erica & Toby



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, Ontario. You can find more information about her at www.thedogsassistant.ca.

combine canned tuna or salmon with potato, yogurt, nut butter or anything else you might have left over from the previous night's dinner. You can even add frozen raw meat! Kongs are not dishwasher safe, but they can be easily disinfected with dish soap and hot water and a simple bottle washing scrubber.

Frozen Yogourt:

This has got to be my dog's favourite! This is starting to become popular among commercial manufacturers, so you can find it in some pet stores, but I like to make it myself. I simply mix plain yogurt, peanut butter, and banana or strawberry (or both) in the blender, and pour into popsicle molds. Freeze overnight and you have frozen yogurt popsicles for your dog! One of the easiest, healthiest treats you can make for your dog and they will love it on a hot summer day!

Raw feeders:

Remember, you can always feed your dog his meals in their frozen state. He'll chew through those tripe cubes and chicken legs without an issue, all the while getting a nice little cool down. It also makes meal time more fun when it's not just dropped in a bowl like it usually is!

Note: This happens to very few dogs, but it can happen that your dog can't tolerate frozen foods. For some dogs, their stomach simply cannot tolerate such cold foods and it can cause vomiting. This is nothing to be concerned about ~ it just means your dog needs to eat his treats and food thawed instead.

MEET & GREET



Ginger #1524

Meet Ginger, my lovely girl who just adores car rides. She loves the drive between Port Credit and Sault Ste. Marie and loves it even more when we arrive at our camp in The Soo. She loves sniffing and exploring along the St. Marie River and loves lying in the shallow water watching the terns. Ginger has epilepsy but it is pretty well controlled with medication. She adores her feline sister, Chloe (who thinks she's a dog) and they are pretty much inseparable ~ cuddling and sleeping together nose-to-nose. Fortunately, Ginger knows she's a dog and has no illusions of being a cat (LOL). Yes, life is grand whether Ginger is in Port Credit or the Soo. She is the epitome of a happy, amazing Golden Rescue success story.

Ruth



MEET & GREET

Tessa #1722 & Emma #1723

These beautiful girls are the dynamic duo. Two sisters, seven and eight years old, they are an absolute joy and wonderful family members. Emma is a morning girl... enthusiastic to start her day. Tessa is a little more reserved and would enjoy starting the morning with big cuddles. Neither knew how to play when we first adopted them but now they love it...particularly throwing the big kong and watching the girls trying to get what's inside. Emma has become 'Carlton the Doorman' as she has learned to open the screen door on her own and Tessa loves TV, particularly animal shows. Our girls love to go wherever we go ~ the garden, the car, the cottage, the grandparents' house...wherever we go, they follow. They have been with us for three years and are a huge part of our family. We are indeed blessed.

Alison



Reikki #1356, Bakkus #1568 & Jersey #1244

Meet Reiki, Baccus, and Jersey...our three mascots for our new vineyard appropriately named 'Three Dog Wine'. Many people come to our winery just to visit our magnificent Golden Retrievers and they often bring their own dogs as well. Reiki is our official greeter. If the winery is busy, Jersey tends to hang close to me but if anyone is sitting on the deck, she is sure to visit and push their hand...hoping for a petting session. Baccus sees every guest as a potential thrower of his ball so he can show off his retrieving skills. They are such an integral part of the winery that our newest wine 'Dog House Wine' is about to be carried by the LCBO, so it's natural that our trio are perfect ambassadors for LCBO Tag Days, which we do often.

Sacha



Charlie #2117

Charlie is settling in nicely in his new home. It took some time but he's no longer sleeping in the hall. In fact, recently he has started to sleep on the rug right beside our bed. He needed to put on weight and a change in his food has started to accomplish this. Charlie is high energy so the family usually walks him at least 6 km every day and Charlie loves this...it's the favourite part of his day. He has a very loving disposition and is getting more comfortable with each day.

Lou



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Cher #1879



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Your commemorative date could be:

- > Happy Birthday Shadow #1342
- > In memory of Bailey #1212
- > Happy Gotcha Day Jake



Buy dates for your loved ones and support Golden Retrievers in need at the same time! Download an order form online or use the enclosed order form. Order as many as you'd like!

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Ricky Dogon
Mike Gaspar
Brett Selbo
Josh Sookman
Randall Urman
Verity White



THANK YOU! You've helped change many lives!

Crew #1616

When I lost my second Golden Jasmine to cancer, I swore I would not get another dog. I know many feel this way because you can't bear the heartbreak again. However, I soon noticed our second Golden Canyon was pining for Jasmine and getting lethargic and moody. So once more into the breach, dear friends, I searched on social media and found Crew. I knew instantly I had to have this boy and after applying, calling, a home visit, interviews, and a trip to Kingston to meet the wonderful fosters, we came home with a brand new fur-baby in tow. Crew and Canyon bonded instantly and they were soon inseparable. Crew is the biggest love bug going and always greets you at the door wagging his tail fervently with a toy in his mouth. He loves everyone and everything and he particularly loves car rides. Within a month, it felt like Crew had been with our family forever and we couldn't imagine life without him.

Denise



Meet & Greet

Toby's Legacy

Toby's legacy begins! In February of this year, we had to part with our beloved Toby #422, aka Hamsammich. After almost 12 wonderful years with him, with an ear infection being his worst health issue, we discovered he had cancer. With his spleen at the bursting point, pain medication and antibiotics administered, we were told to bring him home and say goodbye. We spent the last two days of his life doing everything he loved ~ sitting outside, making snow angels, going for walks, and just generally hanging out. On a cold day, February 11, we parted ways, and our little boy crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Weeks later, after coming home to an empty house, we realized that we could be dog-less no more. We missed Toby so much.

It was unbearable coming home without him being there ~ no grinning face at the door, no squeaky noises from stuffed toys, no barking at the door to go out or come in, no cozy furry body warming our feet at the end of the bed. So, our application went in to Golden Rescue.

On the first day of spring, we were on our way to meet Oban...our potential next furbaby! Nervous, excited, wondering...will he like us? Will the foster parents like us? Will we like him? We stand on the porch at the foster parents, the door opens, two smiling faces greet us, and we look down into the most beautiful brown eyes and all doubts are erased. He is ours!



Toby #422

Oban #2125 came home with us and settled right in. After a few weeks of meeting all kinds of other dogs and watching him with them, we think, perhaps a sibling is in order?

Our application goes back into Golden Rescue.

Soon we were on our way to meet Laya... Oban's potential sister! This time wondering,

will Oban like her? Will she like him? Will they get along? Will the foster parents like us? We meet on the sidewalk and a few barks ensue and we go for a walk. Half a block later, they're walking side by side. We go into their yard and they played fetch. One look at Laya's beautiful face, we knew we were taking her home. Oban had a new sister ~ Laya #2145.

As we sit here writing this, both of our furbabies are curled up at our feet. Our home is happy once again...it is filled with love (and fur). The 156 stuffed toys that once belonged to Toby, are slowly escaping from the 'Secret Stuffie Room'. Toby is happy and he is running with his friends. We miss him and we still shed tears for him...we always will. We know he approves of his legacy.

We all want to thank everyone at Golden Rescue for making these adoptions possible, especially our wonderful fosters and our 'fairy godmother'. We also wish to thank those who helped us through the loss of Toby. The support we got from everyone involved with Golden Rescue was tremendous ~ we don't know how we would have made it through the grief without you all.

Then we think, gee 156 stuffies is an awful lot for just two dogs, don't you think? To be continued...

Monica, Chris, Oban & Laya



Layla #2145 & Oban #2125

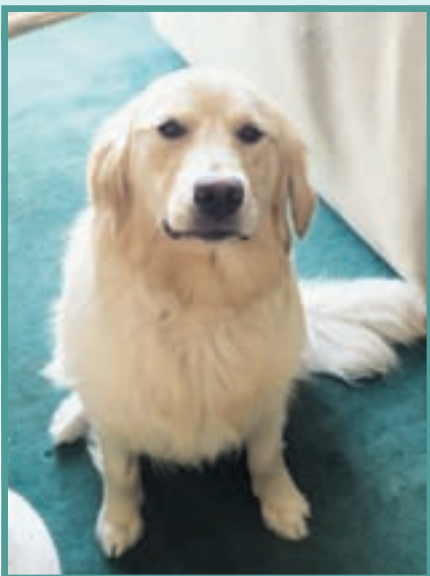
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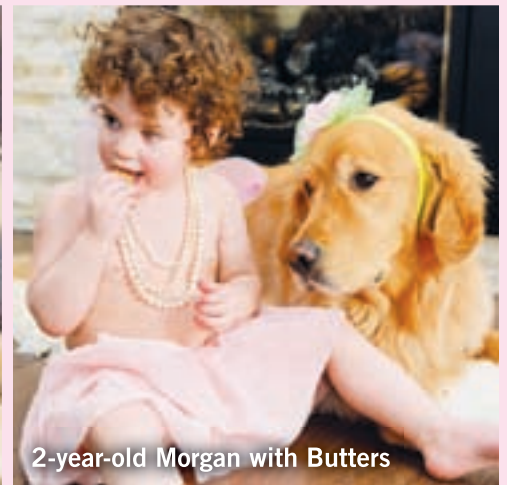
Dessa #2114

Dessa's earlier life was less than perfect but today she's having a ball in her new home. Her motto is 'Live, Love, Lick' ~ three things she does very well. She has learned a bunch of new commands like 'sit', 'stay', 'leave it', and 'take it'. She has also learned to walk beautifully on a leash, to the point where I can walk her with one hand and drink coffee with the other. She has learned to sleep-in until 8:30 but when she wakes up, she has a thirst for attention, comfort, and exercise...all of which she is getting an abundance of. All in all, our girl is living the life that she deserved from the beginning. Hopefully the neglect she endured will become a distant or non-existent memory.

Jeff & Susan



Baby Morgan with Butters



2-year-old Morgan with Butters

Morgan's Birthday

Morgan is a sweet two-year-old girl. Her parents Joanna and Steve started a tradition with their two children ~ choosing a charity each year for their birthdays and asking friends for donations in lieu of gifts. What a wonderful idea! This year, as Morgan loves animals, they chose Golden Rescue. Their own Golden, a beautiful five-year-old boy named Butters, is from a reputable breeder but they are very aware that many Golden Retrievers need rescuing for various reasons. Morgan received eight donations totalling around \$400 as birthday gifts. What a great way to pay it forward and GR was the grateful recipient of their graciousness.

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Gigi #1921

This magnificent girl is smart and beautiful. In fact, she literally has a PHD (Pretty Hip Dog) in advanced obedience and she is now literally flying through agility and dock diving is next. Always at the top of her class, Gigi is often used as an example to her classmates to show them 'how it's done'. She is a master of loose-leash walking, 'take it', 'leave it', 'come', 'heel', five minute 'stays', and long distance 'downs'. Of course her grooming is always impeccable as she likes to look nice. There's no doubt she's a superstar but she is also a loveable, cuddly, goofy Golden with a million-dollar Golden smile.

Colleen & Keith

Congraduation Gigi!



Skye #1595, Jillian & Bowden #1241

Fly High and Free Skye Birdie

by Jillian Stewart

Skye Birdie. That is the name my two-and-a-half-year-old daughter McKinley gave our senior Golden Retriever Skyler when McKinley was learning how to talk. Skye was the anchor McKinley used when learning how to walk. When we transitioned McKinley

To me, Skyler was the true testament of a rescue dog. A dog leaving its 'baggage' at the door of its forever home, placing full trust and love in you, and becoming woven into the very fabric that makes up your family.

Skyler showed me that the hidden gems of the rescue world are the seniors. If you are ever considering adopting a senior dog, do. You will be the one receiving the greatest gift of all. Thank you for that gift, grand lady.

We got McKinley the book *The Heaven of Animals* by Nancy Tillman to help explain where her Skye Birdie had gone.

The book illustrates a picture of a Golden amongst the clouds and Tillman poetically writes, "Sometimes they dance with the angels, or sing. Heaven changes everything".

My daughter now talks about how Skye is running and flying in heaven. What a lovely and comforting thought.

Fly high and free Sky Birdie. We love you.

into her high chair, Skyler dutifully sat beneath her feet all day, and I am abashed to reveal that Skye put on 10 pounds that year from finger foods. That made for an embarrassing trip to the vet.

We got Skyler as an addition to our dog Bowden, the second fur child before we began a human family. A senior gal when we brought her home, Skyler was so full of joy, grace, and wisdom and quickly took the place of number one girl in my husband's life.

Not long ago, we lost our sweet Skyler and many of you will know all too well the heartache that was left in her absence. I think what makes a dog's loss so difficult is that they ask you for so little, but give you everything. It is true that their only fault is how quickly they leave us.

When we lost Skyler, my mind went over and over again how much she had impacted our family in only a few short years, when she had actually spent the majority of her life with someone else. But she was ours wholly and completely, and made our family better from the moment she came into it.

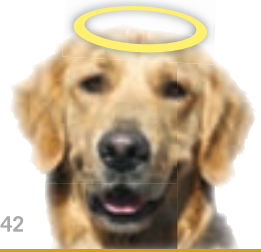
What made me love Skye so much more was how good she was to my babies. A few people would ask if I was nervous with her around my kids as she aged. And while at times, for some dogs, this question does bear some merit, she never showed my kids anything but endless love and patience until the very end. I might have been the mom, but she was the real matriarch.



Skye #1595 & McKinley

Golden Angels

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



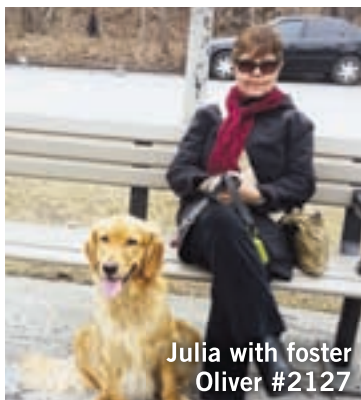
Shadow #1342



Dr. Bev & Spencer with Sunny #1773



Susan with Bliss



Julia with foster Oliver #2127



Parker with Daisy & Shaughnessy and Jeremy with Stanley #1760

Dr. Bev Bateman, DVM at Eglinton Veterinary Facilities in Toronto (and mom of Sunny #1763)

Dr. Bev Bateman is a cherished Golden angel. When Dr. Coombs retired in 2009 (he was also a GR supporter) and Dr. Bev bought the practice, she decided to continue being a supporting vet. As a vet, Dr. Bev sees many rescue organizations and would like to help them all but unfortunately she sees many of these organizations that are not organized and often don't prepare the rescue properly for their new home (i.e. neutering, vaccinations, addressing health issues, and dealing with parasite control). In Golden Rescue's case, she is impressed with our thorough protocols, our fostering program, and our attention to all medical issues. She has seen our Golden retrievers through serious health or abuse issues to kidney failure...to name a few. A few years ago, a foster brought in Sunny, a new rescue to be neutered. Dr. Bev recognized something special in Sunny and took him home that night to recover from surgery. The whole family was smitten by Sunny and it wasn't long before Sunny was adopted into her family. The entire family thinks Sunny is the best dog in the whole wide world and who are we to argue. You can see Sunny most days at Dr. Bev's office greeting clients and their pets. Thank you Dr. Bev for all your support and all the nice things you say about Golden Rescue. You are one of our finest Golden angels.

Susan Robertson

Susan is GR's happy wanderer/adventurer. From wilderness canoeing to African safaris to climbing Kilimanjaro to exploring the Amazon, Susan leads an exciting life, although walking her wonderful Golden Bliss is way up there in activities that she loves. This hiking, cycling, camping, cooking, photographer, busy Golden angel, somehow has found the time to help GR with transports, BEs, home visits, manning the hotline, selling wishbone lottery tickets, and being an integral member of the intake team. Animals have always been an important part of Susan's life and Bliss is her third Golden...a Golden who is living up to her name giving pure joy to Susan. Susan seems tireless in her efforts to help GR and we're sure she passes on the good word wherever she travels in the world. She is a great ambassador for GR and a wonderful Golden angel. Thank you so much Susan for all you do.

Julia Olivares

Julia has always been a dog lover, growing up with dogs, and when her family came to Canada, they had Princess for 13 years before she crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Julia and her husband missed Princess so much that they decided to adopt again but when they were introduced to GR, they decided it might be better and more helpful to become a foster home...so that is exactly what they did. In the last year, they have already fostered several Golden retrievers ~ Mong, Tyson, Jack, Jackson, and Oliver and their home is open to more Golden retrievers in need. They love being fosters and are so grateful to be given the opportunity to help and we, of course, are so grateful they decided to help. They also provide a unique foster home as they have no other pets in their home and we desperately need fosters with no other pets so we can access rescues with socialization issues, so the Olivares home is perfect for these occasions. One day they may adopt again but for now they are GR fosters extraordinaire, fabulous to work with, and true angels. They say that fostering is the best thing they've ever done...and we think so too! Thank you both so, so much!

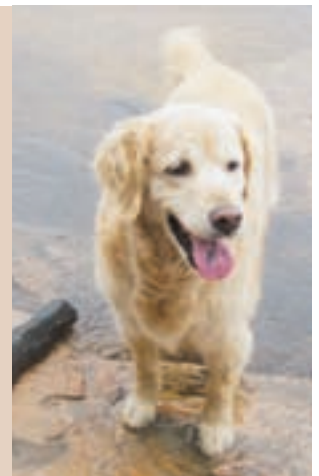
Jeremy, Diane, Parker & Shaughnessy O'Neill

The O'Neill family have always been Golden Retriever believers. They first became aware of GR at the Markham Barkham Festival. Apart from their own Golden Daisy, they also dog sat for friends frequently and it wouldn't be uncommon to have four Golden retrievers in their home at one time. They quickly learned that when it came to Golden retrievers, the more the merrier. This is likely why they loved attending the GR picnic every year. They eventually decided it was time to adopt another Golden and came to GR and found Stanley #1760. Jeremy and the family were very impressed with GR's screening processes and realized this was an organization that really cared about all their rescues and truly were looking for the right match between family and rescued Golden. This was impressive to them and they decided they wanted to get involved and help where they could. Apart from becoming monthly donors, they jumped in to helping at Tag Days, the Pickering Markets as well as volunteering at the beloved GR picnic. According to our volunteer coordinators, the O'Neill family has helped at the most number of events in the recent past. What a family...a family where all of them are involved! And what a find for GR as they are gracious and generous Golden angels! Thank you to you all and to Daisy and Stanley for being such wonderful Golden ambassadors!

Scooby #2108

Scooby is a 12-year-old Grand Dame, who has been with her new forever family for only a few months. What a polite, well behaved, affectionate lady. Scooby has a sister, Gremlin, who is a Bearded Collie and these two girls got along instantly and just love their play time together. Scooby's first trip to the cottage made her nervous ~ we think she thought she was going to be left in yet another home...but she soon realized that this was her place too and she now loves it. Scooby has arthritis and needs a monthly shot. The whole staff at the vet's office absolutely love her. She is also a big hit at her grandfather's long-term care facility. Come to think about it, she is a big hit wherever she goes. Scooby loves being brushed, loves her food, loves her walks, and has even gone for a ride in the canoe...but she's not convinced that canoeing is her best thing. Not to worry, there are lots of things she loves. Yes, life is very good in Scoobyland.

Brigitte



< Manny #1953

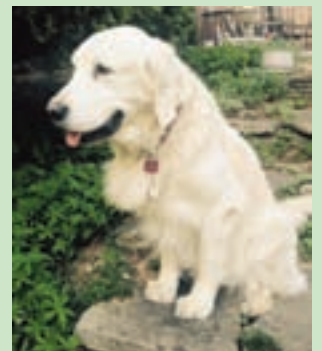
When our family lost beloved Dawson #1607, our friends suggested we adopt another Golden right away. This turned out to be good advice and we found Manny in Quebec and yes, it was a long journey from the Maritimes, but a very worthwhile journey indeed. Manny turned out to be a beautiful lover boy, a big teddy bear, and a gentle soul. He is loved by everyone, particularly his new sisters who dote on him, spoil him, sleep with him, and generally fuss over our big bundle of love. Manny is simply wonderful and he filled a big hole in our home and our hearts.

Liz

Charlie #2142

I originally sent in an adoption application to GR looking for a young female. Of course, young Golden retrievers don't come along very often and I was waiting for over a year. Then suddenly my circumstances changed when I had to move to look after my mother who was blind and almost deaf. One day, I was looking through the GR website and I saw Charlie...a big male 11.5-year-old beauty about as far away from my adoption criteria as you could get. This boy was a giant, in fact, we called him Charlie-Horse and I can't quite explain it, but when I saw his picture, I fell in love. My mother was understandably nervous having a big galoot like Charlie around but she reluctantly agreed to give it a try. Charlie has only been in our lives a short while but he already fits in beautifully. It feels like he has a sense of my mom's condition and is so gentle around her. They have become best buds! In fact, when I take Charlie and my mom for a walk, my mom is slow so Charlie will actually wait and sit until mom catches up and he does this every time. It is amazing to watch. Charlie is beautifully trained and doesn't go up on the furniture but he does sleep at the foot of my mom's bed...not my bed, my mom's. When she thinks I'm not there, I hear my mom say, "Come here baby, come on sweetheart". It warms my heart. Yes, in the 'who rescued who' category, it sure feels like Charlie rescued us.

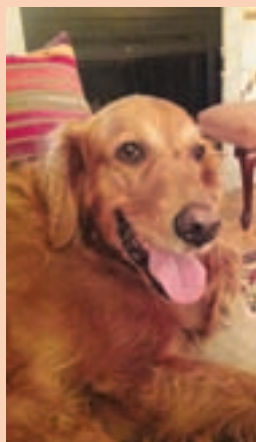
Christina



Lestat #2116

Baby Les, as we often call him, puts a smile on everyone's face he meets. This loving boy loves people, other dogs, and even loves meeting cats. He certainly is Mr. Social. His three favorite things are snuggling on the couch, walking around with his polar bear in his mouth, and playing a good game of tug-of-war with his papa. He is gentle, kind, and bright and his beautiful brown eyes could melt any heart.

Jan & Santiago



MEET & GREET

Joe #394

Joe came to us when he was just 18 months old...now sweet Joe is 14 years old. It's hard to believe so much time has passed. Many changes in our life have happened during those years, particularly with both of our children leaving for college. Joe is very close to our daughter and it's not unusual to find Joe in our daughter's room as if he's waiting for her to come home. We Skype with our son a lot and Joe always reacts to his voice as soon as he hears it. Joe has a bin of toys and greets every new person who comes to the house with a toy in his mouth. We run a business out of the house and Joe always greets our customers with a present. If there's no toy handy, he may use a towel or even worse, a pair of underwear. Joe has two beds ~ one upstairs and one in the basement and he will frequently drag one or the other around the house until he finds his perfect napping spot...it is so cute to watch! Joe is still in good health. He has medication for a thyroid condition and takes more care climbing stairs but other than that he's doing well. Joe is such a well behaved boy and has brought so much joy to our family. He is truly loved and appreciated and I think he thinks we're pretty cool too.

Suzy & Mark



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Go for Gold

Larry Cain is a Canadian Olympic Gold Medalist and a Golden Rescue supporter and adopter. The Guardian recently caught up with Larry for a chat about all the 'Gold' in his life.



Larry wins gold ~ 1984 Olympics

You have two Golden Retrievers, Finley and Robbie #1913. Tell us a little bit about them.

Robbie is our newest Golden and he's my fourth. My first Golden was Albert who lived to 12. Our second, Duncan, lived to 15 and when it was time to say goodbye to him, I found out about GR through a friend at work and followed GR on social media and put in an adoption application. I adopted Robbie, who was originally called Zeus, at 15 months of age. Finley, my other Golden is laid-back and a bit more of a couch potato and happy to lay around. Robbie is the live wire... as soon as he wakes up, he wants to know 'what are we doing today, dad?' He's big on personality and he's squirrel obsessed and thinks it's his duty to keep squirrels out of the yard. Robbie's a small Golden weighing only 52 pounds and is about two-thirds the length, height, and weight of Finley. Finley, by and large, taught Robbie recall at the dog park. Funny story ~ one day at the dog park, Robbie was in a clump of trees and when he came out, there were two of them ~ identical...I could barely tell them apart. The other Golden's name was Kringle. When I started to talk to his owners, they eventually asked me where I got Robbie and I said through GR. They asked, "That's not Zeus, is it?" because they had also inquired about him. I don't think I could be any luckier with Robbie. And now I'm hooked on GR. Robbie and Finley get along so well ~ they play, wrestle, cuddle, and sleep together. And when I travel, they go to grandma's house to get their usual dose of spoiling.

Is your favourite colour gold (for your Olympic medal and for Golden Retrievers)?

Yes, gold obviously has a special significance for me.

You have an Olympic gold medal (and a silver too). Could you tell us when you got them and for what events?

In 1984 in Los Angeles, I won two medals for canoeing ~ Gold for C1 500m and Silver for



Robbie #1913 & Findley

C1 1000m. In 1988, in Seoul, I came in 4th in the C1 1000m and in 1992 in Barcelona, my canoeing partner and I came in 7th in C2 1000m.

How did you get interested in canoeing?

In 1976, I watched the Olympic Games in Montreal on television. I was 13 years old. I remember watching John Wood win a silver medal in the C1 500m and I was hooked. I told my parents right then and there that I wanted to be an Olympian in canoeing. My father passed away when I was 15 and my mother was the commodore of the club I belonged to, so I had a lot of support along the way.

Has getting a gold medal changed your life in any way?

I love the water ~ rivers, oceans and big lakes so I've been fortunate to be able to spend so much of my life on water. As a result of my training and medals, I have been coaching the national canoe and kayak teams and will do so until the Olympics in Rio.

Are there any qualities that Golden Retrievers have that you wish you had?

They're patient and offer unconditional love. They are tolerant, accepting, easy going and they have a true sense of joy. All qualities I wish I had more of.

What's your next favourite sport?

Paddleboarding! Now I race all over North America when I'm not coaching. I love and have to be on the water. Since I've started paddleboarding, I've fallen in love with the ocean. So all my favourite sports are anything



Larry with Findley & Robbie #1913

with a paddle. Even though I love the water, I do love coming home to my boys. I miss them when I'm away.

Do you have a mantra/belief?

I believe that you make your own luck. Good things in life come from having a positive outlook. That's an attribute that Golden Retrievers have ~ they're enthusiastic and have a great sense of fun...and we should all live that way a little more.

What are your favourite things in life?

Spending quality time with my Golden Retrievers and being on the water ~ both are very therapeutic.

We thank Larry for adopting Robbie and being such a great ambassador for Canada and an advocate of Golden Retrievers and Golden Rescue!



Nothing makes a home feel emptier than wanting someone you love in it.



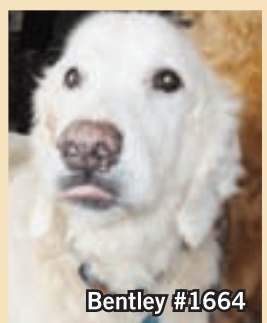
GOLDEN SUNSETS

Allie

In memory of my beautiful Allie. Miss you forever. We had a lot of wonderful walks in the park. **Love, Betty**

Bentley #1664

Every now and then, a very special dog comes along who you cannot get out of your mind. We played a small part in his journey to his forever family and fell in love with him. From the person that answers the initial phone call, to intakes, to transport, fosters, placements, adopters, and all the others behind the scenes, we are all bound in some way to this Golden and become part of his life. For us, this dog was Bentley. We were so taken by this boy ~ his big goofy grin. We always wondered what happened to him and one day, the Guardian came out with a picture of him trying to escape under the garage door. After some inquiries, we were able to contact his forever parents Cheryl-Anne and John. We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to be part of Bentley's life. The first time we saw him after the adoption, we had tears in our eyes, because we could not believe this was the same boy. A great friendship came out of this and for that we are also grateful. At last year's picnic, many were wondering where we went (we were supposed to be selling the 50-50 tickets!) but we had the honour of being allowed to brush Bentley for the Guinness

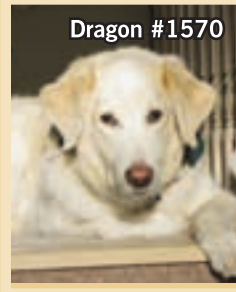


Bentley #1664

World Record. Sadly, one week after we lost our Toby, Bentley crossed Rainbow Bridge. Just three weeks after, his brother Murphy crossed the Bridge ~ a truly devastating loss to the family. Our three 'boyz' are running around together now. We miss you! **Monica & Chris Fralick**

Dragon #1570

My deepest sympathies to Trish, Michel, and Chester. Dragon was a very special and unique boy. He will be missed by many and I will be sad to not see his smiling face at the picnic. **Viive**



Dragon #1570

Goldie #1726

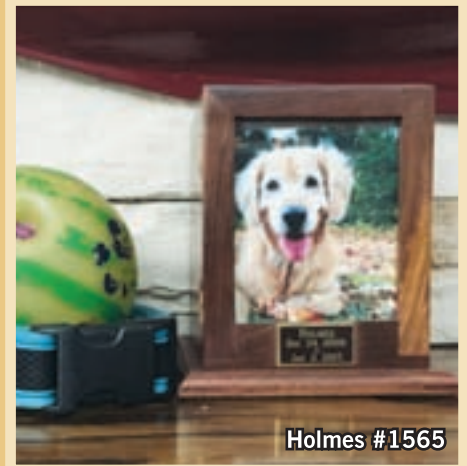
Goldie lived life to the fullest ~ lots of love, fur siblings to train, and cupcakes...oh so yummy. You will always be in our hearts with your pretty red scarf and tiny polka dot bows. Run free in the meadows and enjoy the sunshine. **Patti & Viive**



Goldie #1726

Holmes #1565

Holmes was a magnificent Golden. Holmes' previous owner, Laurie, had to surrender him to GR under very difficult circumstances. Holmes was fostered by Frances and adopted by me. Somehow I connected with Laurie and we shared many stories about Holmes.



Holmes #1565

All Golden Retrievers are special but Holmes was particularly special ~ a kind and gentle soul with a huge heart. He would even take his soup bone to another dog and place it right in front of them while wagging his tail. Unfortunately Holmes crossed the Rainbow Bridge this January from a rare form of blood cancer. I gave his previous owner one of his toys, his last collar, and an urn with half of his ashes. Laurie and I will always be friends bonded together forever with the wonderful memories of Holmes. Holmes life journey was the best it could ever have been and he was loved. **Jake**

Levi #2031

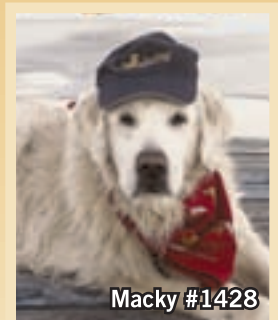
Levi had the best life ~ swimming, lounging on a big bed in the sun with his dad or sleeping in bed with his mom. What could be better than a garden and yard full of smells? Treats!!! Levi, you left footprints in many hearts and will not be forgotten. **Patti**

Lucky & Mowgli

In loving memory of Lucky and Mowgli. **David**

Macky #1428

Macky was sweetness itself! So long for now, handsome Macky! You were the epitome of a true Golden. **Viive**



Macky #1428

Murphy

In memory of Murphy, foster brother to 14 of our Golden Rescue Golden Retrievers. We called him the 'grandpa' because he just took each new foster under his wing. **Cheryl-Anne & John**

T-Bone #2076

The world has lost a truly sweet, gentle giant and loving family member to Patti, Harry, and Reba. He will be missed but never forgotten! **Viive**



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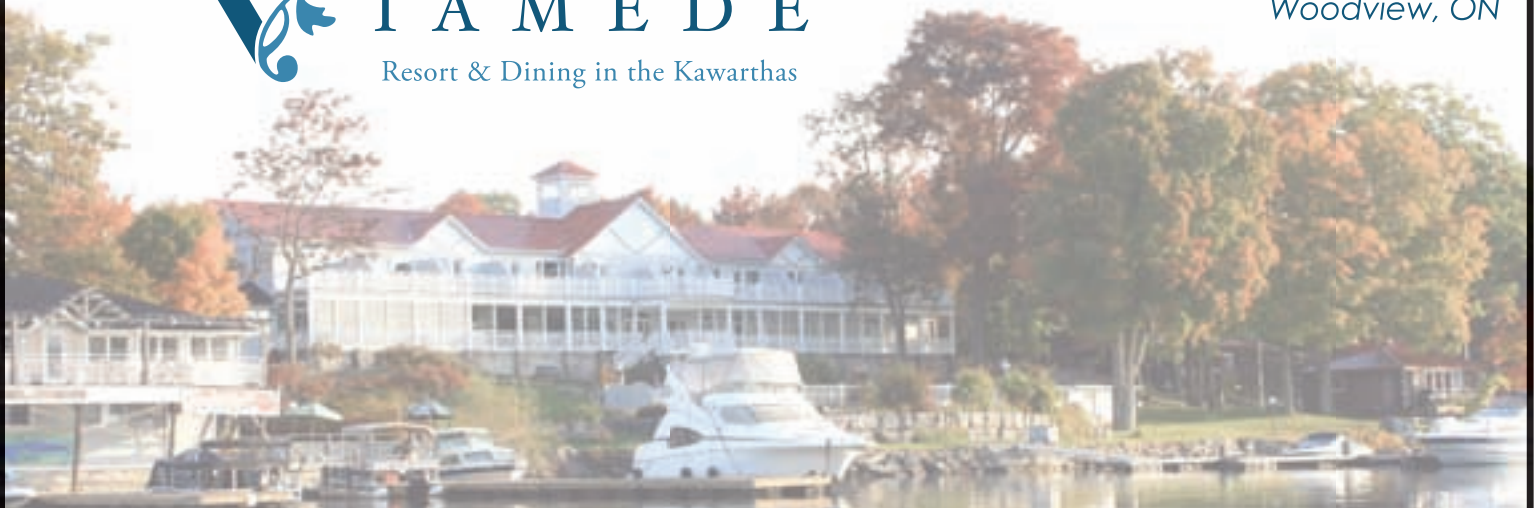
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