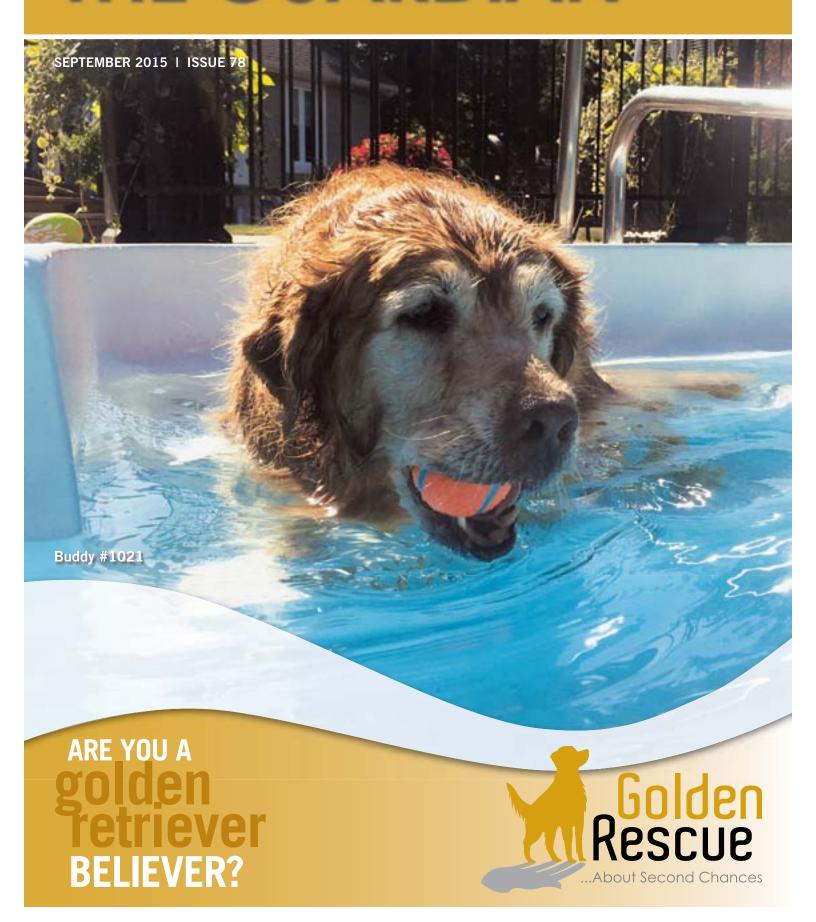
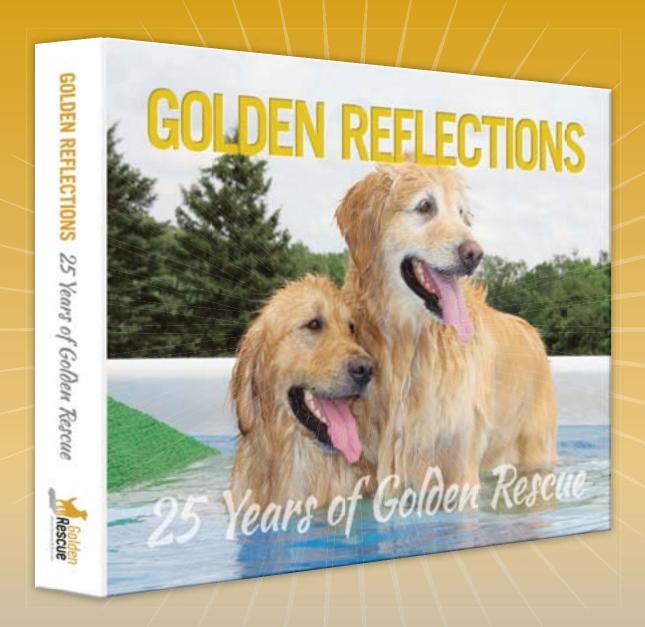
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# The Front Cover

Buddy #1021  $\sim$  On the cover for this issue is Buddy, the frozen yoghurt king of Ottawa. At 13, he still has the goods  $\sim$  the heart of a lion, the temperament of a teddy bear, and the looks of a movie star. He loves his life, his family, and his brother Tahoe (who, by the way is 14). Whether it's minus or plus 30 outside, Buddy has his head out of the window  $\sim$  whether on his way to Starbucks, Florida, or the hiking trails near home. He has big brown eyes that melt the hearts of everyone he meets and if you're lucky to experience one, he gives the biggest and best kisses.

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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







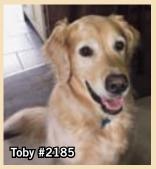












### **Aurelia #2124**

6-year-old female adopted by Nancy

# Bauer #2132 & Bailey

8-year-old & 13.5-year-old males adopted by Paul & Deborah

# **Bailey #2147**

3-year-old male adopted by Dave & Elaine

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# **Bentley #2137**

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# Cash #2138

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### **Charlie #2142**

11.5-year-old male adopted by Christina

# Clyde #2144

5-year-old male adopted by Gail

### Daisy #2118

8-week-old female adopted by Richard & Dale

# Gemma #2176

1-year-old female adopted by Luke & Deborah

### Georgia #2129

7-month-old female adopted by Ron

# Harlow #2141

7-year-old female adopted by Randy & Alison

# Honey #2149

3.5-year-old female adopted by James & Cindy

# Jake #2169

11-month-old male adopted by Gary & Bonnie

# Jazmine #2140

6-year-old female adopted by Glenys

# Jazz #2152

1.5-year-old male adopted by Patricia & Bea

### Kate #2167

6.5-year-old female adopted by Dan & Lynda

# Kelly #2146

12.5-year-old female adopted by Megan

### Kyra #2155

7-year-old female adopted by Ben & Gloria

## Lager #2161

6-month-old male adopted by Craig & Shelley

# Lava #2145

6.5-year-old female adopted by Chris & Monica

# Lucky #2131

5-year-old male adopted by Wayne & Kara-Lee

# **Lucky #2173**

5.5-year-old male adopted by Jeff & Wendy

# Maxx #2165

9.5-year-old male adopted by Ann

# Medar #2168

9.5-year-old male adopted by Alisha

### Milo #2184

4-year-old male adopted by Adam & Danielle

# **Oliver #2127**

2.5-year-old male adopted by Cody & Carly

# Opal #2160

9.5-year-old female adopted by Larry & Edith

## Phoenix #2171

2-year-old male adopted by Michael & Paul

# Samson #2150

7.5-year-old male adopted by Ed & Sybil

# Sandy #2143

9-year-old female adopted by Eric & Julie

# Snowy #2170

16-month-old female adopted by John & Cheryl-Anne

### **Sparky #2154**

8-year-old male adopted by Wayne & Carole

# Storm #2136

3-year-old female adopted by Mike & Rose

# Tally #2179

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# Toby #2185

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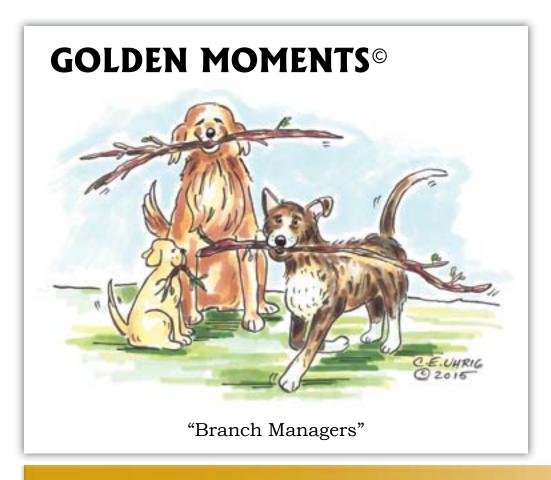


# WHEN And WHERE WILL I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

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

Dates	Event Name	Location
Oct 3rd Oct 3rd	LCBO Tag Day LCBO Tag Day	St. Catharines ~ Glendale & Meritt 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 5-6, 12-13 & 19-20	The Pickering Markets	Pickering ~ Brock & Bayley

Goldens welcome and encouraged to participate! Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Please consider donating some time to help our Goldens and have fun while you're at it. If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events, please email <a href="mailto:volunteer@goldenrescue.ca">volunteer@goldenrescue.ca</a>.



# **MEET & GREET**

# **Lucky #2173**

Lucky recently found his new forever family and he's settling in well. He enjoyed the car ride to his new home and had a great first night's sleep after three long walks. He's good on the leash and likes other dogs he meets, particularly Rocco the Golden up the street. Looks like Lucky has decided he's here to stay and he's already sharing the love with all around him.

### Jeff & Wendy





# Joe #394

Joe is a GR senior statesman. He turned 14 recently and Joe has been in our family since he was just over a year old. He loves us, his forever family, and has seen us through many changes, including the kids going off to college. Joe still does nightly checks of their rooms...just in case one of the kids came home when he wasn't looking. He's called 'Smiling Joe' as he always has a huge grin on his face. When he visits friends or customers at our home business, Joe always brings them one of his toys. If none are readily available, he is just as likely to bring a towel, a pair of socks or someone's underwear to greet them. People seem to understand. Joe is aging gracefully. He has slowed down a bit, gotten some grey hairs, started to take the stairs a little more cautiously...but he never loses his winning smile. He's an absolute joy!

Suzy & Mark



# A Golden Rescue Hero!

Here is a letter from Nathalie who wanted to help GR by setting up a lemonade stand. She not only did it but she raised a significant amount of money and undoubtedly created a lot of goodwill for rescue ~ both stunning feats for someone so young. Well done Nathalie ~ you're the best!

Dear Golden Rescue

My Naha's dog Cooper and I set up a lemohade stand and raised \$108.80 for Golden Rescue. We had a few issues of The Guardian for people to look at. I am including a picture of Cooper and me and my cousin Nate. Good luck with all your good work because you are helping dogs like Cooper to find a great home.

Yours truly,

Nathalie





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# Max #1652

Max came to GR as Peanut but his name didn't seem to suit such a handsome boy so we, his forever family, changed it to Max ~ a name he seems to love. It took Max some months to get comfortable in our home, but once he did, he was a superstar and, in fact, we think he's perfect. How good is that! Mind you, when he was guilled after meeting a porcupine and his encounter with a skunk were far from his finest hours but we all make mistakes, right? Max's favourite spot is the living room window searching for critters who might pass by like turkeys or bears, and hopefully his curiosity with porcupines and skunks is over. Max is a cool dude because he loves the cool. Fall, winter, and spring are his favourite seasons. Summer is only good if he's near the water. Max is a healthy, handsome boy who loves being with our family. If mom or dad are away, Max paces as if on sentry duty. It's okay Max...don't worry...you've found your home!

### Jo-Anne





# **Lucky #2131**

When Lucky met the good folks at Golden Rescue, he certainly landed on his feet. Mind you, he only has three of them. This beloved tripod is unhampered in any way by his missing appendage ~ in fact, he doesn't even notice it's missing. He pops in every morning to his family's bedroom at 6:30 sharp to see if they're up yet and ready to start another exciting day. After all, he has so many friends in the neighbourhood who want

to say hi and pat his head that he needs an early start. He also needs to wake up his feline sister Jemmy-Jo, who like Lucky, is missing an appendage but



it's her tail. When Lucky wakes her up, she makes a really wild, weird sound and Lucky says, "That's just 'Good morning' in cat language". He loves his new backyard and his dad built him a ramp that makes it easier for him to get on and off the deck to visit all the squirrels and chipmunks...where his mom is teaching him to 'look not touch'. Lucky's family thinks life is perfect now that Lucky has joined them.







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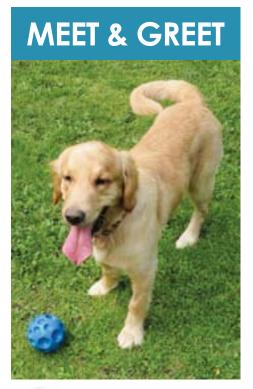
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# Levi #2192

The past few months have been very difficult for me, grieving the passing of my beloved husband, John, in April and my precious Golden, Montana, in July. I was heartbroken and really missed my loved ones. Then one day, a dear friend of mine told me about Golden Rescue and I checked your website. I found the answer to my prayers. I read Levi's profile and my heart reached out to him. I was thrilled when Golden Rescue called to let me know that my adoption application was being considered for Levi. You were so supportive and before I knew it, a volunteer came over to do a home visit and I was put in touch with Levi's foster mom. It was all so exciting and I spent my weekend shopping for Levi ~ a dog bed, food, toys, towels!!! I couldn't wait to meet him! Three days later, a good friend helped me with the long drive to meet Levi and I was over the moon for this sweet boy. We instantly fell in love and I adopted him that very day. He was such a good boy on the drive home. Levi is so loving, affectionate, and smart. He does the most comical thing in the car. When we turn a corner, he puts his paw on the door rest, just like a human and I can't stop laughing. Taking photos of Levi has been the funniest challenge. Every time he sees me trying to take a photo with my iPad, Levi runs toward me full tilt and showers me with sloppy kisses. Levi is quite the ladies' man and already has a girlfriend. Maggie is a Bernese-Doodle and they have had successful dinner dates together. Don't we wish that all dates would go this well? Even the little white dogs on my street have taken a shine to Levi! In my heart I know that Levi and I were meant to be together. He is helping me get through this difficult time and I love him so much! It feels as though we've known each other forever. He rescued me...and I rescued him. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't explain what you have done for me. I promise Levi will be looked after and I hope to be fortunate to have him in my life for as long as my previous Goldens ~ Cognac and Montana. I know that John, Montana, and Cognac are my three angels looking down at me, wanting me to be happy again, and they have picked Levi to be by my side.

Kim



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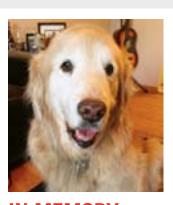
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# **Enterprising Erin Gets the Grant**

GR advocate and supporter, Erin Courtney, applied to her company Enterprise Holdings, on behalf of Golden Rescue for their charity grant program. Erin was successful and is pictured here presenting a cheque for \$1,000 to board member Candace Weel along with Jennifer Simmons and Deb Courtney. Our appreciative Goldens are (L to R): Abbey #1446, Leia, Nikki #2174 & Bloo #2175. Thank you so much Erin for caring enough to put Golden Rescue forward and thank you Enterprise Holdings for your generous support!

# MEET & GREET

# Carly #2066

Carly has brought so much love to our family and provides us with endless entertainment. She is always so happy to see everyone, gives lots of kisses, and loves her adoptive brother, who takes her for walks every day. She also loves the family cat and tries to chase and play with him! Her favourite things include walks, cuddles, and hunting, digging, and running around in the back garden. She's crazy but she's ours!















These two girls have wonderful Golden temperments and they are chock full of love. Emma wakes up with a huge grin and a huge tail wiggle, ready to tackle the day. Tessa is a little more reserved and prefers a few yawns, a few stretches, and a few belly rubs before she commits to the day. They both love their walks and they especially love Wednesdays, when they meet up with two other Goldens at the dog park for a marathon of running, mudding, water splashing, and burr hunting. When they first joined our family, neither girl knew how to play. Now, the 'Kong Game' is one of their favourites...throwing around the Kong trying to get whatever goodies are hidden inside. Emma is a master at opening the screen door to let herself out and Tessa prefers the couch and the TV...particularly when there are animal shows on. Both girls love our family (almost as much as we love them) and they go wherever we go ~ the car, the cottage, the garden, the dog park, their grandparent's house...everywhere! What great girls ~ we are so lucky!

Alison



# **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...

# 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 <a href="mailto:clabuick@gmail.com">clabuick@gmail.com</a> if you're interested in helping.

### PetValu Coordinators

The FUNdraising team has recently taken on the coordination and planning of Pet Valu awareness events in communities across Ontario. We take a grassroots approach to sourcing volunteers for these small events, including Facebook posts and targeted emails. We would love to find a detail-oriented volunteer to help us write, send, and followup on volunteer communications (both e-mail and Facebook). Other duties will include working with other Golden Rescue volunteers in requesting targeted email lists and sending information to our social media team for posting on Facebook. If you are interested in this very important role, please contact Kathy at FUNdraising@goldenrescue.ca.

# **Volunteer Coordinators**

Every event we run or attend needs many volunteers ~ two and four legged. We desperately need one or two more 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 <a href="mailto:tewoodrow@gmail.com">tewoodrow@gmail.com</a>.

# **Website Volunteers**

We're looking for a several volunteers with some time to spare who have web,

web design, content sourcing, and email marketing experience. Tasks would include sourcing or posting content and events to the website and helping with email marketing campaigns. A graphic designer is also needed to design website banners and creative posts. Please email Jake at <a href="web@goldenrescue.ca">web@goldenrescue.ca</a> if you'd like to learn more about these various roles.

# 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 with a loving family than cry because no one stepped up to help them & they died alone, frightened, & sad.

Fostering saves lives. Try it!

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.



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# **ADOPTION ALERTS**

# We have two Goldens who desperately need forever families... as we believe they deserve a second chance!

# **Bentley #2199**

Hi everyone...my name is Bentley and I'm two years old. I was adopted and now I'm back in the program...let me explain! I had been away at school for a while and boy, had I learned a lot! I learned it was not cool to guard my food or my toys. I learned I shouldn't jump up on people or help myself to food left on the table. Obviously, I didn't know any of

this stuff. I passed my tests with flying colours, but I was told it would be good to continue my education with strong reinforcement of these things in my new home. I did this and everything was going great in my new forever home, when a terrible thing happened. I was startled and I bit someone. It was my fault and I feel terrible...what a mess! Now, my whole life is upside down again. I'm not excusing myself ~ I'm just trying to explain that I came by my bad behaviours honestly. Golden Rescue is supporting me because they believe I deserve another chance as I am a good boy most of the



time. I'm okay with dogs but I must admit that I'm probably not well socialized so I charge and bark when I see new dogs...and I can look and sound scary...so no dog parks for me. I love people so much so that I don't like it when I'm left alone ~ I think it's called 'separation anxiety'. Maybe I'll need to go back to school to work on that one (unless you never leave me alone, which in my opinion, is BETTER)! I don't love the crate either but if I have to go in one, the hard plastic type is better for me as I'm a pretty good escape artist. I'm also not bad on the leash unless I see a new dog. I have lots of energy and I'm getting good food, which is great because when I came to GR I was the size of a tank (a tank of what, I don't know) but I'm getting pretty lean now so I have a lot more energy. Because I'm so food motivated and my worst trait is food guarding, an absolute no-no for me is hand feeding so no food rewards for me (sigh). I love to run, play, roll in the grass, and chew my kong. I'm not good with kids and cats...never had

much experience with them so I should probably avoid them. I am told I'm smart, obedient, friendly, and affectionate. With my new school 'diploma', I've also learned a few new things and I'd be happy to learn more. I need a strong alpha male, who is firm but kind, who will provide a structured environment (whatever that means)...someone I can look up to who gives me direction and doesn't let me get away with stuff. Because I bit someone, my chances aren't high for me to get another chance and this makes me very sad. But as you humans say, "to err is human, to forgive divine". If you can forgive me, I'll try to do better...I really will!

# Gilly #2164

Hi everyone...my name is Gilly and I'm nine years old. I've been called a grumpy old man but I resemble that...or may I should say I resent that? (I always get those two words wrong). I may be grumpy and I may be male and I may be getting a little older but all three together make me sound like Walter Matthau in the movie. Now, I must admit I don't like my hind end touched and I snap if I'm touched there. You can pat my

head but not my butt. I also admit I'm not great with other dogs and oh yes, I hate being left alone and I do guard my food sometimes... but other than that I'm a sweetheart. Oh wait a minute...I see where you're going with this...I guess I am grumpy. None of those things are that great, are they? On the good side, I'm pretty good on the leash and I know my commands. I sometimes don't like being told what to do. Hmmmm...that's not very good either. Hey, another good thing is I don't need much exercise these days so I won't be a big bother. I also suspect if I find an alpha family I can trust,



some of my grumpiness might disappear. Well that's about it for me. I suspect you won't want to call about me after I've been so honest. But I really do need a second chance and if you value honesty, that's one of my best things.

If you're interested in adopting either Bentley or Gilly, please email <u>adoption@goldenrescue.ca</u>. You can also help by spreading the word that they're looking for a family to love them.





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### Abbey #1462

In memory of the Howards miracle girl Abbey. Seek and find all the cookies Sweet 'B'. Always in our hearts. **Patti** 

### Alfie #2183

Alfie was so lucky to have spent her last three months in her loving foster mom, Tracy's arms and home. She received lots of love and attention after living in a stressful situation. It was short but she is sadly missed. RIP Miss Alfie. **Patti** 

# Arthur

Our hearts go out to Jane and her gang who lost Arthur, a fantastic boy with a huge zest for life. His life was way too short! Sharing in your sadness! Patti & Viive



# **Bailey #2133**

Bailey may have left Deborah and her family's arms but he will never leave your hearts! We are so sorry for your and Bauer's loss. **Viive** 

### **Buck #2128**

Buck spent his final 10 months loving life and his foster dad Andrew. Run pain free with spirit old man, you are very missed! **Patti** 

# Misha #1562

We first saw Misha at age 11 when we helped her get out of the intake volunteer's car. For both of us, it was love at first sight. At 11 years old, mostly deaf, and almost unable to get her back legs moving because of disuse, she quickly showed us just how much heart she had. She immediately made us her family and our house her home. Then she proceeded to



charm all in the local dog park. Everyone there watched with joy as her legs stopped sliding out from under her when she ran after a ball, and shared the experience of her coming to life again. Very quickly, we all forgot that she had ever lived anywhere else, and for four years, she added daily joy to our lives. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones. Her last act on earth was to lick my husband's hand goodbye. She never once showed any sign of losing that strong and loving heart. She will be sorely missed but each and every Golden who we foster from here on will be partly in honour of her and that is quite a legacy. Rest in peace our darling girl! Gail & Berry

# **Roxy #936**

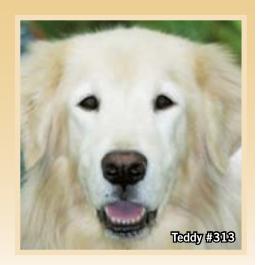
In memory of Roxy ~ a sweet girl who was the inspiration for Cheryl's cartoons, which she shares with all of us at GR. She touched many hearts and left too soon! Sadly missed by all at Golden Rescue!

### Sasha #866

Our deepest sympathies to Roy & Karen on the loss of beautiful Sasha. Gone but never forgotten, Sasha will be in the hearts of many forever. Viive & lain

### **Teddy #313**

With a sad heart we announce the passing on June 11, 2014 of our beloved Golden, Teddy. Teddy was adopted on June 8, 2002 at an estimated age of 2 years. He became a loyal and trusted member of our family and was referred to as our furry child. Often we would exit occasions early to address our dear Teddy's care. As he passed the age of 10 years, Ted developed ongoing health issues which we controlled with medication and diet. In June 2014 a mass was discovered on the right side of his upper jaw and after a thorough investigation and consultation, it was decided and humane that he not suffer any prolonged additional illness. Teddy remained unconscious and passed peacefully while we were by his side. Cassie & Don



Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really. Agnes Sligh Turnbull





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