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The Front Cover

Kassi #2174 ~ My name is Kassi...my friends call me Kassi K. I think the K stands for 'Kute'. I am almost six years old and recently found my furever family. I am such a lucky little girl and besides getting a forever momma, I also got a beautiful Golden sister named Jenny, who is also a rescue (#1526). My family says that there is one word that describes me perfectly ~ SWEET! So besides being sweet and cute, I am a very happy little girl and I love to cuddle, play with other pups, go for walks, and eat. Oh, how I love to eat! I can run very fast and get from the backyard to the back door in three seconds flat. I ran my first race at this year's Golden Rescue picnic and I am sure that I would have brought home the Gold except that when I started to run, I was heading in the wrong direction.

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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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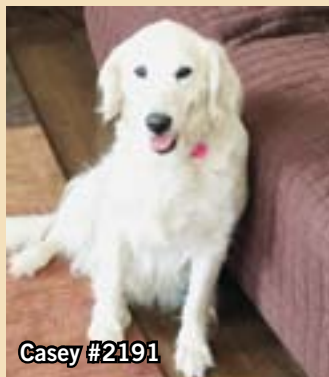


Betty with Shadow #1342 & Kona

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Jessie #2186



Casey #2191



Boomie #2198



Charlie #2200



Charlie #2201



Bauer #2203



Mercer #2208



Oliver #2210



Bailey #2217

Bailey #2217
8-month-old male adopted by Karen & Henry

Bauer #2203
9-month-old male adopted by Melodie

Bogie #2209
1-year-old male adopted by Rosemary & Louis

Boomie #2198
4.5-year-old male adopted by Patti & Harry

Casey #2191
7-year-old female adopted by Naomi & Richard

Charlie #2200
5.5-year-old male adopted by Vanessa

Charlie #2201
10-month-old male adopted by Kim & Martin

Chip #2181
7-year-old male adopted by Karen & Graeme

Copper #2207
3.5-year-old male adopted by Kim

Duke #2197
6.5-year-old male adopted by Debra & Mark

Fenway #2202
6.5-year-old female adopted by Cheryl & Dave

Hailey #2195
1-year-old female adopted by Jillian & Chris

Jessie #2186
8-month-old female adopted by Heather

Kassi #2174
5.5-year-old female adopted by Nancy

Lady #2194
7-year-old female adopted by Alison

Layla #2213
8-year-old female adopted by Monica

Levi #2192
2-year-old male adopted by Kim

Lizzie #2159
2-year-old female adopted by Marilyn & Adrian

Max #2139
3.5-year-old male adopted by Stewart

Mercer #2208
7-year-old male adopted by Kathi & Wayne

Molson #2158
2-year-old male adopted by Tina & George

Oliver #2210
9.5-year-old male adopted by Karen & Ed

Riley #2182
7-year-old male adopted by Liz & Dave

Rosco #2193
6.5-year-old male adopted by Samantha

Skyler #2177
1.5-year-old male adopted by Marian

Sultan #2187
6-year-old male adopted by Joan & Colin

Willow #2204
1.5-year-old female adopted by Natalie

Yogi #2075
10-year-old male adopted by Debra

WELCOME HOME GOLDENS!

MEET & GREET

Gilly #2164

I can't express enough my thanks to you for allowing Gilly to share his senior years with me and my friends. He has settled into my home and lifestyle without any difficulties whatsoever. I work from home, so he is always at my side. In fact, he has made his presence known in a couple of business Skype calls, to the enjoyment of my clients. Alpha Paws handled the home visit professionally and pointed out all of Gilly's idiosyncrasies that could cause concerns. None of these have manifested themselves. Gilly has socialized well with other dogs, my neighbour's children, and he particularly loves riding in our car. He is the perfect companion and I look forward to many years together. I wholeheartedly recommend your organization to anyone considering a Golden. Many thanks!

Doug



GOLDEN RESCUE EVENTS

Join us at the Pickering Markets (Brock & Bayley)
on December 5-6, 12-13 & 19-20



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 volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Merry Christmas to all – and to all a *golden* night!”

How Rewarding Is Fostering A Golden?

Watch our video now!

A video is worth a thousand words. See for yourself how fostering a Golden can change a life. How fostering can make second chances possible. How your life can change if you give just a little bit of love...for so much love in return.

If you love the video and would like to foster, please fill out a foster application online. If you have questions about fostering prior to filling out an application, please email info@goldenrescue.ca.

We particularly need foster families that can take pairs or Golden Retrievers with medical concerns. Homes without any other pets are also desperately needed for Golden Retrievers with mild to moderate behavioural issues.

Help give Golden Retrievers the first step in their new lives! If you can't foster, or already do, you can help us by helping us find more foster families!



To watch the video:

Go to www.goldenrescue.ca and scroll to see 'THE LATEST FROM GOLDEN RESCUE'.

MEET & GREET

Belle #2157

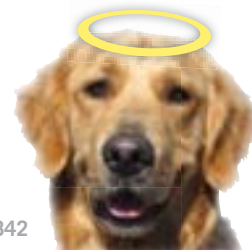
Belle came to Golden Rescue ill, dirty, with a lot of hair loss. GR was unsure that she would make it through the first night after she was found in Quebec. Fortunately, she did and it was discovered she had an undiagnosed thyroid condition. With lots of TLC at her foster home and after three months of living with me, she flourished. When her foster family visited, they couldn't believe the transformation. Nowadays she is a lovely girl, who can be stubborn at times, but she loves everyone she meets ~ human and canine. With some patience and love, what a special girl Belle has turned out to be!

Sally



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

Jurgen Burklen

Hey Jurgen ~ it's Walli #2162 ~ remember me? I think of you every night when I go to sleep, as snug as a bug in a rug ~ the good bug kind tho. I'll never forget the day you swooped in to rescue me on your angel wings and then worked so hard with my placement friend to land me softly with the most amazing forever family. Lucky me! You are my Golden Angel and I'm bursting with pride to tell your story about how you've helped all of my fur-buddies at Golden Rescue. My Jurgen has been a devoted volunteer for five years. He's driven to places that you can't imagine to rescue the unfortunate who have fallen on hard times and then he's taken us to foster homes to heal, trust, and learn to love life again. I've heard people say he's the 'go to' guy who's always willing to pitch in on a moment's notice to field calls on the hotline or make home visits to all the wonderful people who want to adopt us. Sometimes Jurgen wears his trainer hat and tests our skills and behaviours to make sure we're cat, kid, and car friendly. And, get this...he also volunteers to raise funds and attend special events. He sells Wishbone Lottery tickets, schmoozes with customers at the LCBO Tag Days, tirelessly advocates (big word for a dog, I know) for rescue, and generously makes monthly donations to Golden Rescue. You can tell that Jurgen loves what he does for us. He dotes on our needs, gets others involved with his enthusiasm, and in his own words, says, "Golden Rescue gives me a sense of purpose and provides an opportunity to meet amazing, like-minded people who care passionately for animal rights. I am forever grateful to be part of such a highly-respected rescue organization". Thank you Jurgen ~ I hope you sleep as well as I do! *Jurgen's story is told by Walli #2162 who has a special place in his heart for his hero*



Jurgen with Kim, Sasha #1666, Otis & Snax

Suzanne Hurst

Bonjour mon ami! Pretty snazzy greeting for a Golden, right? Well, you proved that you know my language, so I wanted to return the favour. I also wanted to tell you personally how incredibly grateful I was the day you rescued me. You saved me...you gave me a second chance at a better life. Your gentle voice and careful touch told me I was going to be okay. Because of you, I live in a wonderful new home with my forever family who treat me with oodles of kindness and love. I'm happy and safe. Chère Suzanne...you are my Golden Angel. So here's a little surprise for you. I know more about you than you think. Yes, I do. I know that in addition to your demanding life, you always, and I mean always, make time for us. You're our French connection helping us Golden in and around Montreal. And you know what else? I found out that your most common expression is when it comes to rescue... "Just tell me what to do and where to go and I'll be there". How awesome is that... just like the song, I'll Be There... *I'll be there to comfort you, Build a world of dreams around you, I'm so glad that I found you.* And we're glad you found us too. For five years, you've been saving others like me and then assessing our needs (and quirks). You've prepared us for adoption by visiting the homes of the nicest humans on earth. And if that wasn't enough, we know that you're a generous monthly donor to boot! I've heard you say that each one of us has a special place in your heart. Well, I can tell you that it probably pales in comparison to the place you hold in ours. To our Suzanne we say ~ *Merci mille fois (thank you a million times) for all you do. Gilly #2164 insisted he write Suzanne's Golden Angel tribute since she rescued him. He's a tad grumpy (not anymore though), so what Gilly wants, Gilly gets. It's just easier that way.*



Suzanne with all her fur friends

Eric Wright

You are one cool dude, man ~ serving on the Board of Directors for several years and playing a vital role as the Co-Director of the Events team. We're sure gonna miss you around here. So what does the Co-Director of Events do you ask? Well, our Eric had four paws...er, two feet on the ground at all of Golden Rescue's events ~ all of 'em. He was most notably a key contributor in developing and growing the very popular and successful LCBO Tag Days. We love that event because it helps with our veterinary bills, training, transportation, you name it. And lots of humans find out more about us and want to take us to our forever families. Okay...back to Eric. He sourced locations and planned the events (too many to count)...the whole enchilada (yum). Can you imagine his spreadsheet ~ so many stores, so many cities, so many volunteers. We need a nap just thinking about all the hard work. Us Golden have a great saying ~ We love work ~ we can watch it all day! At first we were quite sad to learn that Eric was stepping away from the board, but our ears perked up when we discovered that he has agreed to facilitate all of GR's Ottawa-based events. Lucky us! To Eric and his wife Lisa and their family (two and four-legged), the boys at Golden Rescue (and the girls too) want to thank you so very much for all you've done ~ adopting, visiting homes to make sure we're going to safe and loving families. We've felt the effects of your monthly donations and the effort you've made to sell Wishbone Lottery tickets. You've earned your Golden Angel wings, Eric. We will be forever grateful! *From da boyz at Golden Rescue: Troy #2212, Burke #2190, Bauer #2203, Duke 2197 & Rosco #2193*



Eric with Hurley, Jitterbug & Benji

Holiday Hazards

by Dr. Patty Lechten

'Tis the season to be jolly...and for pets to get into things they shouldn't. With the holidays approaching, pet owners should take precautions so that the holiday festivities are happy and healthy and devoid of visits to the emergency clinic. Holiday foods and gifts can pose deadly hazards for family pets. Some of the most common holiday hazards are:

Chocolate

Chocolate contains a substance, theobromine, which can be toxic to pets. Baking chocolate has the highest amount of theobromine, followed by semisweet chocolate, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, and chocolate-flavored treats. Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning include hyperexcitability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, and death. Dogs can become sick after eating a relatively small amount of chocolate. Early treatment includes inducing vomiting, administering activated charcoal, and supportive care such as IV fluids are extremely important.

Christmas Tree Hazards

Christmas tree water can contain fertilizers, which, if ingested, can cause stomach upset. Stagnant tree water can be a breeding ground for bacteria, which can also lead to vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea, if ingested. Electric cords may result in severe burns to the tongue, respiratory distress, and death from electrocution if chewed. Glass ornaments, garlands, and pins may cause damage or intestinal obstruction if eaten. We once had a dog who ate 10 feet of plastic Christmas garland. We have also had several dogs eat homemade Christmas ornaments consisting of foam, straight pins, and marshmallows. Batteries contain corrosives. If ingested, they can cause ulceration to the mouth, tongue, and the rest of the gastrointestinal tract. Batteries may be small enough to pass but if punctured require immediate surgery.

Holiday Foods

Some types of grapes and raisins have been shown to cause kidney failure in dogs when eaten. The basis for kidney failure following the consumption of grapes or raisins is unclear. The amount of grapes or raisins that may cause renal failure is also unclear so any amount could potentially be dangerous. Treatment consists of inducing vomiting, administering activated charcoal, and 48 hours of IV fluids. Ingestion of rising bread dough can be life-threatening for dogs. The animal's body heat will cause the dough to

Sadie Mae, Bingo #1268 and Charm



during the rising process and the dough may expand several times its original size. Signs seen with bread dough ingestion are associated with ethanol toxicoses and foreign body obstruction and include severe abdominal pain, bloating, vomiting, incoordination, and depression. Alcoholic beverages, coffee, moldy or spoiled foods, onions, fatty foods, and salt can all be a problem for your pet as well. Xylitol is a naturally occurring sugar substitute that is found in many sugar-free gums, candies, and other foods. Dogs appear sensitive to xylitol, as fairly small amounts can result in rapid, life-threatening hypoglycemia. High doses have been associated with acute liver failure and blood clotting problems. Treatment is supportive.

Plants

Mistletoe can be very toxic and even fatal if ingested by pets. Holly is considered moderately toxic, with vomiting and diarrhea most often seen in a pet that has ingested a small amount. When a large amount is ingested, holly can be fatal. The Christmas rose is moderately toxic, with vomiting and diarrhea most often seen. While many pet owners think that poinsettias are poisonous to dogs, this plant most often only causes stomach and intestinal irritation, with vomiting and diarrhea.

Assorted Hazards

Antifreeze is a common cold weather hazard. It has a pleasant taste and even very small amounts can be lethal. As little as four teaspoons can be dangerous to a 10 pound dog. Thoroughly clean up any spills, store antifreeze in tightly closed containers, and store in secured cabinets. Propylene glycol is a safer form of antifreeze and is recommended for use in pet households. Liquid potpourris are popular household fragrances commonly used during the holiday season. Pets are often exposed to liquid potpourri by direct ingestion from simmering pots or spills or by rubbing against leaky bottles or simmer pots containing the potpourri or from spilling the containers on themselves. Oral exposures result following grooming. Exposure to some types of liquid potpourris can result in severe damage to the mouth, skin or eyes. Ice melting products can be irritating to the skin and mouth. Dogs are prone to picking up and eating small toy parts that are left around the house. These parts are often too large to be defecated and can cause life-threatening intestinal obstructions.

Let's keep our furry family members safe this holiday season!

Dr. Patty Lechten is the owner of Allandale Veterinary Hospital in Barrie and a wonderful and supportive friend to Golden Rescue. Patty also sits on GR's Board of Directors.
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MEET & GREET

Copper #2207

Meet Copper...our fabulous rescue Golden. Copper's birthday is July 14th and by an amazing coincidence, that was the birthday and the day we lost our beloved Kelsey. That convinced me that Copper coming into our lives was a total meant-to-be. Copper is the strong silent type who absolutely loves his new sister Zoe. They do everything together, particularly wrestling ~ they're both wrestling fools...an absolute delight to watch. Copper also loves playing ball ~ small balls, big balls, tennis balls, soccer balls...it doesn't matter. He'll play with them all and carry them around in his mouth. He also loves eating, cuddling, going for walks, and, of course, wrestling. He seems to love the water but doesn't know how to swim yet ~ next summer's project! Oh Copper, it is so wonderful to have you in our lives. Thank you Golden Rescue!

Kim



Announcing Our Online Store!

It is with great pleasure that Golden Rescue announces the launch of our new online merchandise store.

We have a wide range of Golden Rescue merchandise including new and exciting items like floating key chains, LED leashes and collars, knapsacks, collapsible bowls, toques, and vests...along with existing merchandise you have probably seen at our general store.

You can literally shop for your favourite GR merchandise. ANYWHERE... ANYTIME!

We invite you to visit www.goldenrescuestore.ca and view all the merchandise available for purchase now! Most items will be shipped within 72 hours from time of order...if not sooner.

New and exciting items will be added on a continual basis, so please visit the store often! If there's an item you'd like to see, please send an email to swag@goldenrescue.ca and we will see if we can add it to our merchandise line. Or, if you simply want to let us know what you think of our new online store, we would love to hear from you!

We hope that you will enjoy shopping at www.goldenrescuestore.ca for years to come!

'Home Alone' Emergency Cards

In this issue of The Guardian, we have enclosed two 'Home Alone' cards, which have been designed for you to carry in your wallet and/or purse for emergency purposes. If something were to happen to you and your four-legged family members are HOME ALONE, your 'Home Alone' card in your wallet will provide instructions about who to call to take care of your loved ones. Two cards are in the enclosed envelope so please fill in the back of your cards and insert them into your wallet. Just a little precaution from your friends at Golden Rescue.

Happy Holidays!

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Jake #1945

Jake joined our family in November 2013. Murphy, his now younger brother, was really happy to have a sibling to play with. The two of them are inseparable. They wrestle, sleep, explore, and play fetch together...although the dog ate that page on the retrieving part of that game for Jake. He is also a true water baby and loves all things wet, and did well in canoe and boat training. He also loves fishing and can chase minnows for hours. He likes to be groomed but what he particularly likes is being vacuumed ~ go figure! More than anything else, Jake loves cuddles and snuggling on the couch ~ and we can't see a thing wrong with that! Jake, you're amazing and we love you so much.



Ross & Andrea



all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!



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In memory of Fraser Hanna

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MEET & GREET

Remi #2043

Our dear Remi was a shy fearful boy when he first came to our home. Whatever happened in his previous life made him cautious and untrusting and he seemed particularly afraid of women. He must have been a loner as he preferred the basement family room to hanging out with us. Patience, love, and time, however, transformed this magnificent boy and soon he started to trust...more and more every day. He seems marvelled by the world ~ blowing leaves, moving water, swaying branches ~ all seem to fascinate and elate this beautiful boy, who is now a happy, confident, sweet member of our family. Remi now loves everyone ~ men, women, and children! And everyone loves him back ~ how could they not?

Lorraine, Kurt & Emily



On Losing a Dog

In his grief over the loss of a dog, a little boy stands for the first time on tiptoe, peering into the rueful morrow of manhood. After this most inconsolable of sorrows there is nothing life can do to him that he will not be able somehow to bear. James Thurber

In July of 2004, my brother James held Dutch, his German Shorthaired Pointer, for the first time. On November 20, 2014, James held Dutch for the last time. After ten incredible years, Dutch succumbed to the ravaging effects of hemangiosarcoma, a deadly and unfortunately common cancer in dogs.

Ten years, that's the deal. The lucky get more time, far too many get less. But we all must inevitably face the end. That end – the only end – is heartbreak. When Dutch died, I held James and we cried. I wasted no breath on neat and impotent words. James howled an ancient pain.

Some admonish, "While epidemics rage, wars destroy, and poverty runs rampant, your sorrow is for a dog?" Some miss the point.

I had given orders which brought death to thousands. Yet here I was, stirred, profoundly stirred, stirred to tears. And by what? By the grief of one dog. Napoleon Bonaparte

The point is this – each and every one of us is alone. Profoundly, inexorably, and inescapably alone. We have family and friends with whom we share parts of our journey and parts of who we are, but it is impossible to ever truly understand the experience of being anyone else. We are



each stuck inside ourselves with no one but ourselves. Scary, I know.

There we are, stumbling through the darkness, finding our way when we see a wagging tail and we're made a simple but profound offer. "I'll come with you!" says a dog. A dog has no journey of their own, no thoughts of past or future, so they give themselves fully to us in a way no person ever could.

James accepted Dutch's uncompromising offer and for ten years Dutch followed James from Boston to Washington DC, to New Jersey and finally to Chicago. Cities and circumstances changed but Dutch never did. No matter what and no matter where, James would come home and find Dutch wagging his tail furiously with a bone hanging out of the side of his mouth like a cigar. To be greeted at the door by a dog like Dutch is to know, if only for a moment, what it feels to be completely accepted and unequivocally loved. And oh what a feeling that is.

In Washington DC, James was a police officer in the narcotics division. He became all too familiar with poverty, addiction, crime, and violence. You can never let go of all the things that weigh on you, but you can always count on a dog to help carry that weight. I remember one night when James came home after responding to a particularly harrowing shooting. James didn't say much and Dutch didn't need him to. With a deep sigh, James settled into the couch, Dutch jumped into his lap, and the two held each other in silent comfort.

I have a Scottie. In him I find consolation and diversion...he is the "one person" to whom I can talk without the conversation coming back to war. Dwight D. Eisenhower

That's what we do – we hold them close. We hold our dogs so close that parts of ourselves overflow and fall directly onto their furry heads. So when we look at our dogs, we see our worst sorrows, our greatest joys, and the deepest part of ourselves for which there is no name. The story of our dogs is the story of us.

Like our own story, a dog's story ends. Just much, much too soon. We know that, yet we repeatedly subject ourselves to this wrenching pain. Why? I suspect there's no shared answer, but there is a shared lesson. We must measure life not in loss but in experience. Through our relationship with dogs, we experience not just man's best friend. We also experience man's best quality – unconditional, selfless love.

There's such beauty in the hard honesty of that, in accepting and giving love [to dogs] while always aware that it comes with an unbearable price. Dean Koontz

As I've said before, a dog can't change the world but they can change your world. And if each of us can pass along even a fraction of the unmitigated, world-changing love we receive from our dogs, maybe we can see about 'changing the world' thing.

Today we cry and howl. Tomorrow we wake up and change the world the same way Dutch did – one small act of selfless love at a time.

When the Man waked up he said, "What is Wild Dog doing here?" and the Woman said, "His name is not Wild Dog any more, but the First Friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always." Rudyard Kipling

Posted on December 3, 2014 by Will & Eko (Grey Muzzle Organization)

Payroll Deductions

Did you know that you can donate to Golden Rescue via payroll deduction? We receive donations from the following organizations:

- United Way of Ottawa
- United Way of Greater Toronto
- United Way York
- Ontario Power Generation Inc.

The following individuals provided consent to have their names released to Golden Rescue and we'd like to acknowledge them and give thanks for their kind donations: Lindsay Murphy, Morgan Mantil, Penny Gifford, and Renee Stephen.

If you would like to donate via payroll deduction, contact your employer to see if it is possible.



Thank You ... FOSTERS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS...

...for another year of working together to rescue and rehome all the Goldens who needed a second chance!

There were a number of difficult situations but most were filled with JOY and our rescued Goldens have found their forever FAMILIES because of all of your selfless efforts. On behalf of our Goldens, we are grateful for your dedication, commitment, passion, and hard work. Without all of you there would be no Golden Rescue ~ thank you!!!

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

**WOOF!
WOOF!**
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Goldie #654

25th Anniversary Picnic

2015 was our 25th anniversary picnic and our 23rd annual picnic. An exciting new location, at Viamede Resort in the Kawarthas, was chosen as the venue and apart from a few growing pains that come with anything new, the picnic was a huge success.

On Thursday, the first volunteers arrived, with the Golden Rescue truck and 1,000 of our 25th Anniversary 'Golden Reflections' coffee table books. On Friday, set-up began in earnest with the mass-moving of these very heavy books, setting up of tents, and arranging the silent auction. By dinner time, we were almost ready.

Many people stayed the weekend and others stayed in the area. The Friday night Golden wedding in the Viamede chapel was a hoot. It was a rambunctious ceremony with just as many Golden Retrievers in the chapel as people. Laya #2145 said "I do" to Oakley #2071 and a reception BBQ ensued with a beautiful evening on Stoney Lake.

Saturday morning was rainy ~ apparently a tradition; however, most of the day stayed dry and the sun actually came out at times. Emcee Krista Maling kicked off the day introducing our Golden ambassadors and thanking the many, many sponsors and people who made the day possible.

The opening ceremonies were followed by the 'Rick Lick'. Now you had to be there to see this! It is pretty hard to describe this whacky event in words but we'll try. Ten brave souls lay on the ground and smeared themselves with peanut butter while 200 plus leashed Golden Retrievers looked on in delighted disbelief. A handful of chosen Golden Retrievers were unleashed to clean the peanut butter off these brave volunteers. It was hilarious! The clear winner was the crowd of on-lookers.

Then came the photo contest, popular as ever, followed by a casual bbq lunch put on by Viamede's team.

With all the setup happening in the off-leash area, the picnic team decided to not put up a giant tent for the silent auction. This was a blessing and a curse, especially when the rain came and soaked the silent auction forms rendering them useless. But the silent auction team rallied to save the day and the silent auction turned into a very entertaining live auction (and it became known as the not-so-silent-auction). Raising money takes time, it seems, and the remaining activities were put a bit behind as a live auction takes as long as it takes.

The Rainbow Bridge Memorial was as touching as ever, with tears flowing in remembrance of those we miss.

This was followed by the always popular

canine games, as crazy as ever. And the beach area was jam-packed with Golden Retrievers who love to swim or paddle around.

As 4 p.m. approached, so did the clouds. Participants left quickly and thanks to a quick-working bunch of volunteers, the books, tables, and tents were put away before the deluge.

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THANK YOU TO...

- Our Sponsors: The picnic has become a significant fundraising event for us. Thank you to our sponsors ~ GoodLife Fitness, Viamede Resort, New Era Graphix, Gail & Sinclair Harrison, and Signature Graphics. Thank you also to Pet Valu, Paws and Claws, and Paws Pet Fashion for attending our event!
- Jane Riddell & Ben Sämänn for another great picnic. You both did an amazing job organizing this huge event!
- Terry Woodrow, our wonderful volunteer coordinator, who made it all come together!
- Viamede Resort and staff for providing a beautiful new location for the picnic, lunch, and a great weekend for many.
- Lou Kirby and his team for the photo contest.
- Hillary & Jim Alton, Betty James, Lou Kirby, Viive Tamm & Cheryl Uhrig for the 25th Anniversary book 'Golden Reflections' ~ incredible job!
- Carolyn White and the silent auction team for the not-so-silent 'live' auction and to those of you who so generously donated such a beautiful array of items for the auction. A huge thank you to Dave Johnson, our spontaneous auctioneer!
- Our wonderful volunteers! Over 70 volunteers over three days, along with a whole battery of informal jump-ins, made this event happen.

- YOU...our 300+ attendees our 200+ precious Golden Retrievers and other furry pals! It's not a picnic without you!!!

Many comments and suggestions have been sent to us already, but if you have any new ideas or suggestions, please e-mail board@goldenrescue.ca.

To see highlights of the picnic, go to our website www.goldenrescue.ca and click on the YouTube link. The second video is all about our 25th Anniversary Picnic.



See you all next year...



RBC Donation

Lesley Prophet, Client Advisor at RBC Prescott, received a donation of \$500 from RBC's Corporate Office towards her volunteer work with Golden Rescue. RBC is very proud of Lesley for her volunteer work and the many hours spent fostering and caring for these beautiful Golden Retrievers.



GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Geez, our people sure dressed us funny back then."



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! We realize that with the holiday season approaching, you may not have any time to spare so please feel free to touch base about these roles after the new year.

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

Drivers (Transport)

All areas but particularly Southwestern Ontario (London-Windsor-Sarnia)

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

Organize & Lead an Awareness Event at a Pet Valu in your community!

Are you passionate about Golden Rescue? Do you want to help us share our message close to home? Pet Valu stores embrace volunteers and their Goldens coming out for a few hours (typically on Saturdays). It's a simple and easy set-up, with a sign, some brochures, and a donation jar. Our Goldens do most of the work by hamming it up with store customers! We will show you the ropes with our simple and easy-to-follow awareness kit. Contact us at events@goldenrescue.ca today to get started.

Picnic Volunteers

Help is needed for the 2016 picnic! There are currently three positions open:

Volunteer Coordinator

Every year, the picnic is made possible by an army of volunteers who do all manner of things, from manning the gates to directing cars. To help this go smoothly, we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator (VC). The VC will be responsible for filling the volunteer schedule in advance of the picnic, as well as organizing the volunteers on the day of the picnic.

Picnic Apprentice

Golden Rescue is working on succession planning so we need an apprentice for the picnic chair role. We are looking for someone with an interest in a two to three year apprenticeship, working with our current picnic chair, to learn all aspects of the picnic, before taking over the reins.

Accommodation Coordinator

In 2017, Viamede will once again be hosting the picnic. In order to best manage the limited accommodations available, we are looking for an accommodation coordinator

to help people share rooms and cottages effectively, manage the camp sites, and refer others to pet-friendly accommodations in the area.

If you're interested in any of these roles, please e-mail Ben at picnic@goldenrescue.ca.

Volunteer Coordinators

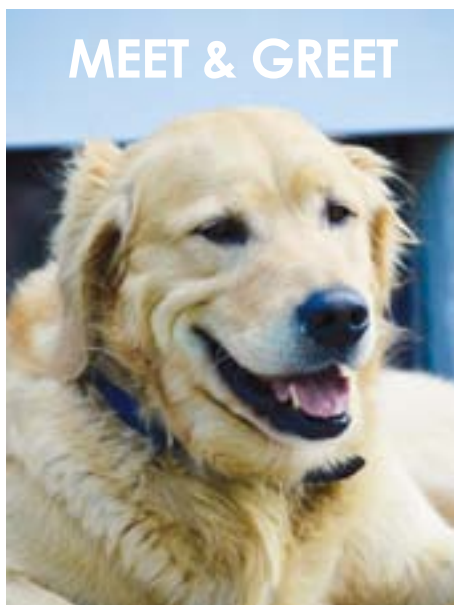
Every event we run or attend needs many volunteers ~ two and four legged. We desperately need one or two more volunteer coordinators to make this happen. Often there are three or four shifts a day staffing our booth or raising awareness. This takes a lot of coordination and communication with supporters 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 tewoodrow@gmail.com.

Volunteer Trainer

The Volunteer Coordination team works with different and changing technologies and processes and not all of the team is at the same technical comfort level, especially when it comes to Google Drive. We are looking for a volunteer who will help the whole team by documenting and updating processes and training the team in the use of the technologies via Skype, FaceTime or a training module. If you are process-oriented, patient, and used to working with multiple applications, with team members of varying technical skill levels, then you are perfect for this role! This work can sometimes be done whenever you have time but it will require your dedicated time when applications, technologies or processes are greatly changed (i.e. the introduction of a new email application). Please contact Terry at tewoodrow@gmail.com if you want more info on this role.

Website/Social Media 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 or social media and helping with email marketing campaigns. A graphic designer is also needed to design website banners and creative posts. Please email board@goldenrescue.ca if you'd like to learn more about these various roles.



Beau #1898

Beau has settled in beautifully with us. He is 'fabuloso' and such a joy to have around. Even non-dog-people love our handsome boy. He is sweet, happy, and calm considering he is a hunter supreme. He may have been a hunting dog in his previous life as he is so vigilant and tuned into his surroundings without being hyper or neurotic ~ he is simply a gentle, balanced, beautiful boy. He is also very protective of the family and you can tell he would never let us fall into harm's way with him around. Of course we would never let anything happen to him either. He is such an amazing soul and every single day we talk about how lucky we are to have Beau in our life.

Heather

ADOPTION ALERT

Dear Santa...

**All I want for Christmas is a
FOREVER FAMILY, please!**

Happy Holidays! My name is **Whiskey Jack (#2178)** but you can call me Whiskey ~ everybody does! I'm five years old and I love my life and I'm told that I'm a wonderful and sweet boy. The only problem is I get these things called 'grand mal seizures'. They generally last a couple of minutes and I get one every few weeks ~ had one on October 2nd and 31st ~ aren't you impressed that I've kept track of the dates? So far they don't really disorient me and even though I don't understand what they are, I don't like them one little bit. I take medications, which are really helping but I still get them (sigh). My meds are pretty expensive (about \$280 bones a month) plus whatever it costs for regular vet visits ~ yikes! The wonderful folks at GR really believe I should be adopted by a family who have experience with seizures as they can be rather disturbing. I know it sounds bad, but other than that, I'm active, very loving, and full of life. I love people and other dogs and I love to play with my pull toy. I can get a little too excited and can be a little rough with my mouthing but I mean no harm. If you remind me when I'm being too rough, I stop immediately. I wouldn't hurt a fly intentionally. My amazing foster mom says I'm a friendly, happy, beautiful boy who loves eating, playing, swimming, car rides, and snuggling. I think that's true, especially the eating and snuggling parts. I'm not bad with my commands and am pretty good on the leash too! I'm SO sorry about my seizures...I know it's a big bother and I'm expensive to look after and I sure wish you didn't have to contend with these, but if you pick me, I'll try to make it up to you with extra love and snuggles!

If you're interested in adopting Whiskey, please fill out an adoption application online or email adoption@goldenrescue.ca and specify your interest in Whiskey.



I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. *Gilda Radner*

Arthur

Arthur showed me that living every minute to the fullest is the key to a rich and rewarding life. I miss your great big golden heart and your joyful approach to each day. My friend, my companion, and my guardian. Gone far too soon. Bye for now Arthur. Bless you buddy.

Jane

Arthur

May you hunt to your heart's content. **Patti & Harry**

Daisy #912

Daisy came to us on January 13, 2008. After two days of hardly eating because she didn't

know what dog food was, she weighed in at 101 lbs. A bundle of excitement, she looked like a bear with a thick coat of silky auburn hair with a big smile on her face. She also didn't know what a toy was but she enjoyed the snow and every winter her favourite game was to 'retrieve' snowballs. When there was no snow, she was the fastest dog in the park chasing her and everyone else's balls. I can't imagine ever getting used to not having her hanging around waiting patiently for her treat or to see if our next outing included her...and her love and kisses. We are her forever family. **Sheryl**

Dream #1797

In memory of our special girl Dream. We loved

Dream for two years. She became a best friend to Tabi and was a true 'dream' since she entered our home and family. She fit in from day one. Everyone who met Dream loved her instantly. She had a calmness about her that captured your heart. Dream became ill during the last six months of her life. After ongoing tests and veterinary visits, we made the difficult decision to set Dream free. We miss you every day our sweet girl and wish we had been blessed with the gift of more time with you. Until we meet again. **Tina, George, Papa, Tabi & Bella**

Dylan #488

Dylan has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. During his 11 years with me, we welcomed 13 fosters. Some of them growled at him. Some grabbed his toys. Some pushed him aside when there was petting on offer. Never once did he object ~ his sunny demeanour remained intact. His calm attitude helped to settle the nervous ones ~ what dog is not a little nervous on arriving at a new home? His obedient behaviour set a good example to the over-exuberant ones. Here he is with Lucky, our latest foster, now with his forever family. Dylan is wearing his summer haircut, as he loved to swim and was prone to hotspots. He came with me on many a BE and was a pro at assessing the temperament of the dog being evaluated. He sensed right away whether a dog was aggressive or not. He will be much missed, not only by me, but by all the friends and dogs who joined us on our walks. Happy trails, wonder boy! **Jane**

THE DYLAN FACTOR

Golden Rescue recently lost one of its great ambassadors when Dylan #488 died of lymphoma at the age of 12. He has admirably represented GR at golf tournaments, schools, and other functions. His face has been a constant in the Guardian, the calendar, and in other publications, the latest being the anniversary book. He was a photogenic Golden who knew when the camera was on him and thus usually posed accordingly mostly with sticks or toys in his mouth. Dylan's greatest asset however was his amazing ability to judge



Arthur



Daisy #912



Dylan #488

other dogs (of all stripes and sizes). Over the 11 years spent with Jane, Dylan ably assisted in the assessment of many an intake and foster, not only of hers but also mine. I learnt very early in our relationship that he had an uncanny sense of other dogs. If he paid no heed to them, played with them, took toys from them, and just plain walked with them, you confidently knew that dog was okay despite whatever outer demeanour they were portraying. Many a foster came in with a so-called troubled history but they easily passed the Dylan factor. But, if Dylan gave any dog a wide berth, you knew there was some underlying issue which needed discovery and subsequently addressing. Dylan's accuracy was 100%. Dylan was also a very calming influence on other dogs. In 11 years I never once witnessed an altercation or a growl from him other than a call to play. His wonderful gentle spirit has left huge paw prints to fill but we are so thankful that he played in our lives. **Barbara Hakner**

Dylan #488

The most handsome snow angel I have ever seen! **Patti**

Dylan #1124

Dylan, my first rescue, showed me that love and patience can conquer anything. Dylan was a tripod and he taught me to be grateful for what you can do and not worry about what you cannot. My beautiful, boisterous, old golden boy, there will always be a special place in my heart for you. Love you boyo. **Jane**

Dylan #1124

Dylan was truly a one-of-a-kind ~ adored by all but especially by his mom and saviour, Jane. His legacy of love will live on and he will be forever missed. **Anna, Barry, Ben, Candace, Cynthia, Karen, Patti, Patty, Sharon, Sherida, Sherry & Viive**

Gubsie #1849

My beloved special boy crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on Oct 13th. Our time

together was far too short. Gubs came into my life when he was almost 10 years old. I thought that I knew about dogs but he succeeded in training me even more. He touched our whole neighbourhood and became loved by all. He also brought me into the Golden Rescue family and he was an ambassador at the 2014 picnic. He also introduced me to many wonderful people in Golden Rescue. A special thanks to Cindy, Cheryl-Anne, and Viive for bringing us together. Also a special thanks to Rob and Bea O Connell who fostered my boy and felt that I qualified to be his forever home. Gubs, I miss you every day and was so glad that I could be part of your life. **Kevin**

Jonah

In memory of beloved, sweet Jonah ~ a gentle giant, without equal. **Rosemary Ayre**

Reba

Not a day goes by that we don't think of your gentle kisses, wiggles, long chats, and, most of all, your passion for swimming. We will float with you again one day Lovee! **Patti & Harry**

Sandy #2023

No more fear of wind and rain Pandy Bear! You can now do your little jig pain free. You were a sweet old dear who is sadly missed by your fosters, Sheri and Barry, and by all of us! **Patti & Harry**

Shadow #869

Shadow was what every Golden should be ~ loving, gentle, handsome, and a best friend. We are sure he is up there wrestling with his big brother Diesel ~ they were the best of buddies. **Dan & Bonnie**

Sherry #1328

In loving memory of our sweet girl. We will miss you and Brandy #1329 forever! **Karen, Ed, Heather & Ryan**

SEVEN

Great Reasons For Considering Golden Rescue In Your Will

- 1 You have Golden Retrievers in your life ~ and you know how much you love them and they love you. And you know in your heart that each one is worth saving.
- 2 You want to leave your mark in the world, make a difference, give voice and action to your passion and your values.
- 3 You are in the process of planning your estate or having your Will written. Or your Will is in place and you'd like to include Golden Rescue. Your lawyer will need to know Golden Rescue's legal name (Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc.) and what kind of bequest you have in mind. We can suggest the wording or Will clause for your bequest which you can then discuss with your advisor.
- 4 You know that a gift made through a Will is often the largest gift many of us will ever make. We can work with you and your advisor to ensure that your intentions are consistent with GR's rescue plans and that your wishes are met.
- 5 You are looking for information regarding estate savings and other charitable giving options. We can also work with you and your advisor to ensure that your gift fits your family's needs, your desires, and your financial and tax situations.
- 6 You have confidence in Golden Rescue. We understand how personal and delicate the subject of estate planning is. We have in place a system to maintain absolute anonymity of your gift, if that is your wish, and all personal information will be kept strictly confidential.
- 7 You want to give GR the confidence to continue our rescue efforts far into the future. Let us know about your gift in your Will so we can thank you and welcome you as a member of the GR Legacy Society.

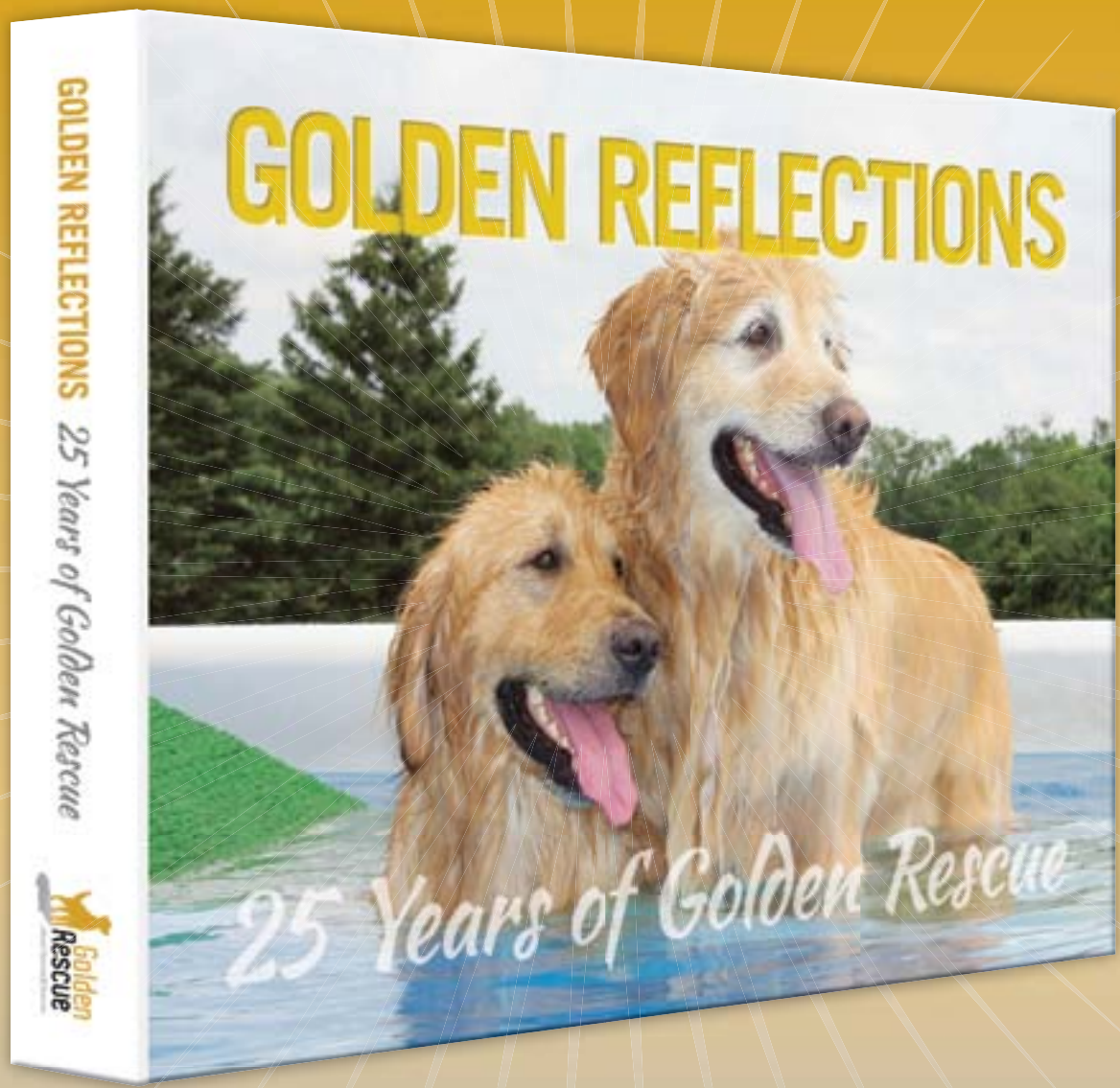
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Dylan #1124



Gubsie #1849



GOLDEN REFLECTIONS

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An order form and a postage-paid envelope are enclosed.