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Heida #2265



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**RESCUE MISSION OF LOVE**



# WISHBONE FINAL CONFERENCE



### Kilo #1367

Hi everyone! Well, the wishbone lottery was another HUGE success. We sold 3,461 tickets ~ 50 more than last year. And with the generous donations from the late Gloria Staines, GoodLife Fitness, and Viamede Resort, we netted over \$120,000 bones. Isn't that fantastic! So, drum roll, here are the lucky winners!



### Hughie #2047

The first prize winner was from London again. What's up with that? It must be something in the water. The Lucky London Lottery League strikes again! On another note, my dad asked me to thank all the amazing volunteers who sold tickets. SERIOUSLY, we could not have done it without all of YOU!!! Also, we want to thank everyone who supported Golden Rescue by buying tickets. This was a huge team effort. It's fantastic what you can do when everyone works together for a good cause.



### Mulligan #2019

Also, our two and four-legged committee members have decided to mix it up a bit for the next lottery to give us a little bit of a breather. Rather than starting in June and finishing in January, we're going to start in November (in time for Christmas sales) and sell into the summer so we benefit from our friendly cottage country. We'll have the draw at the picnic in September. That way, the winners might even be there and we can really whoop and cheer!



### Coach #2072

If we want to make sure the winners will be there, we should have the draw in London (haha)!

# Thank You!!!!

## GOLDEN RESCUE VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS ARE THE BEST!!!



## Congratulations WINNERS!

### GRAND PRIZE

**Dave Perlman**

Ticket #3661

\$25,000 Travel Voucher + \$2,000 cash

### 2ND PRIZE

**Gavin MacLean**

Ticket #2709

Trip for two to Grand Bahia Principe Punta Cana + \$2,000 cash

### 3RD PRIZE

**Bryan Beatty**

Ticket #2741

Two Via Rail Passes (Windsor to Quebec City corridor) + \$1,300 cash

### 4TH PRIZE

**Marlene Slawson**

Ticket #1425

\$2,000 Gift Voucher for Viamede Resort on Stoney Lake

### 5TH PRIZE

**Mike Poulin**

Ticket #3143

\$500 Gift Certificate to WaySpa

### 6TH PRIZE

**Teresa Osilea**

Ticket #3658

\$500 Gift Certificate to WaySpa





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### The Front Cover

**Heida #2265** ~ Sweet and beautiful Heida #2265 (who arrived from Istanbul as Lucille Ball) graces the cover of this issue of The Guardian. Inside is the remarkable story about hope and love for 39 Goldens, rescued from Istanbul, Turkey. Please welcome her and all the other Goldens who truly deserved this second chance. Heida is a Canadian now and 'home' forever!

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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





**MEET & GREET**



## Rosie #2044

Meet Rosie ~ miracle girl. This three-year-old sweetie-pie has gone through so much it is astounding she is still with us. It would be impossible to describe what Rosie has been through but suffice it to say what looked like a hot spot and coughing that presented like kennel cough, Rosie was finally diagnosed as having blast mycosis ~ a deadly but treatable disease. After many days on antibiotics and intravenous, Rosie had to have one eye removed and it looked like one of her paws would have to be removed as well. With large lesions on her back, along with her other dire symptoms, Rosie was a very sick girl with little or no energy and her prognosis was poor. After many opinions, we couldn't stand the idea of removing Rosie's paw as she loved to run. We agonized over what to do and decided to try a naturopathic vet who was recommended by our vet, as she specializes in 'blasto'. After a rigorous 2.5 hour examination, she put Rosie on a regime of health supplements to improve her immune system and continued her dosage of tetraconazole. To make a very long and involved story short, dear sweet Rosie started to improve. Today Rosie is a happy, healthy, loving girl with tons of energy. She truly is a walking, running miracle. We love Rosie so much and look at her in awe every day knowing what she suffered through so stoically...and survived.

**Donna & Dan**

## Skyler #2177

Meet one of the sweetest Golden Retrievers ever...Skyler #2177 (right). Since the operation on his leg, he has improved two thousand percent. He now runs like the wind ~ it is a sight to behold. Skyler is such a loving addition to our family and when he first arrived, he fit right in with our two other Golden Retrievers, Brooklyn and Emma. Some months after we adopted Skyler, we lost Brooklyn and this very difficult time was made easier somehow with Skyler in the family. He is such a happy, loving boy and a master snuggler. This loving lap dog is now a whopping 60 pounds and our vet is so pleased with his current weight and his strength, as are we. We can't wait until spring so we can get up to the cottage to let Skyler run on the beach and swim. He's going to just love it...as much as we love him. Thank you GR for sending us this precious boy.

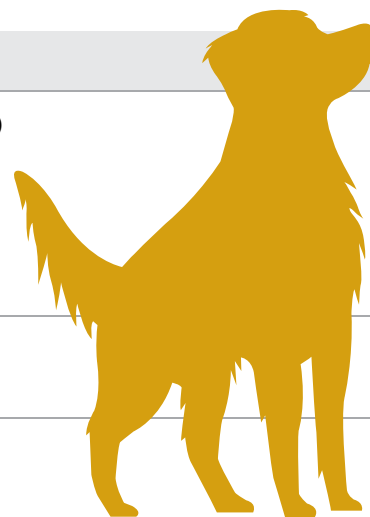
**Marian & family**

# WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

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

Our first eight LCBO Tag Days have been approved and are coming in May! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for many more locations and dates!

Dates	Event Name	Event Time	Location
Saturday, May 14th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	St. Catharines (2 stores)
Saturday, May 28th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Barrie (3 stores)
Saturday, May 28th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Collingwood
Saturday, May 28th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Owen Sound
Saturday, May 28th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Windsor
Saturday, August 13th and/or Sunday, August 14th	Woofa~Roo Pet Fest	10am-6pm	Amherstburg (Windsor area)
Saturday, September 24th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Kingston
Saturday, September 24th	LCBO Tag Day	11am-5pm	Belleville



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



# WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



**Shooter #2148**



**Cooper #2224**



**Henry #2225**



**Runkle #2229**



**Lila #2230**



**Mona #2231**



**Teddy #2238**



**Katie #2233**

**Abbey #2232**  
7-month-old female adopted by Brett & Tanya

**Adelle #2241**  
2-year-old female adopted by Andrew & Michelle

**Annie #2272**  
7-year-old female adopted by Roger & Carole

**Bailey #2260**  
4-year-old male adopted by Gord & Joan

**Belle #2188**  
2-year-old female adopted by Patrick & Heather

**Bentley #2199**  
2.5-year-old male adopted by Ted

**Bo #2276**  
1.5-year-old male adopted by Andre & Brianna

**Chloe #2277**  
2.5-year-old female adopted by Penny

**Cooper #2224**  
8-week-old male adopted by Mark & Jennifer

**Daisy #2240**  
7-year-old female adopted by Bev

**Daisy #2226**  
8-week-old female adopted by Jane

**Daisy #2221**  
7-year-old female adopted by Ben

**Darby #2219**  
1-year-old male adopted by Sean & Corrine

**Dutch #2246**  
3-year-old male adopted by Steve & Lauren

**Finnigan #2271**  
4-year-old male adopted by Vivien

**Gilly #2164**  
9-year-old male adopted by Douglas

**Heida #2265**  
2.5-year-old female adopted by Thomas & Donna

**Henry #2225**  
8-week-old male adopted by Stephanie

**Herbie #2189**  
9-year-old male adopted by Tom & Lisa

**Izzy #2218**  
16-month-old female adopted by Chris & Kristina

**Jake #2274**  
6.5-year-old male adopted by Penny

**Kara #2205**  
9-year-old female adopted by Andrew

**Katie #2256**  
8-year-old female adopted by Linda

**Katie #2233**  
7-month-old female adopted by Jim & Rosemarie

**Lana #2262**  
1.5-year-old female adopted by Andy & Karen

**Lila #2230**  
7.5-year-old female adopted by Neil & Lynn

**Limon #2243 & Tokyo #2244**  
2-year-old males adopted by Dan & Bonnie

**Molly #2268**  
1.5-year-old female adopted by Guy & Judith

**Mona #2231**  
7-year-old female adopted by Robert & Elizabeth

**Quinn #2275**  
5.5-year-old male adopted by Cathy

**Rosie #2242**  
2-year-old female adopted by Michelle

**Ruby #2227**  
8-week-old female adopted by Susan

**Rudi #2228**  
4.5-year-old male adopted by John

**Runkle #2229**  
2-year-old male adopted by Steve & Linda

**Rusty #2196**  
6-year-old male adopted by Lori

**Sadie #2222**  
1-year-old female adopted by Laurie

**Sally #2237**  
15-year-old female adopted by Lori

**Sam #2215**  
1-year-old male adopted by Rick & Tracy

**Seamus #2223**  
8-week-old male adopted by Krista

**Shooter #2148**  
5.5-year-old male adopted by Kim

**Simcoe #2190**  
11-month-old male adopted by Palma

**Sophie Tucker #2263**  
3.5-year-old female adopted by Kevin

**Teddy #2238**  
10-year-old male adopted by Lynn

**Teddy #2216**  
7-year-old male adopted by Shelley

**Troy #2234**  
2.5-year-old male adopted by Curtis & Cathy

**Whiskey Jack #2178**  
5-year-old male adopted by Randy & Ann

**Winston #2261**  
3-year-old male adopted by Bill & Pam

**WELCOME HOME GOLDENS!**

# OUR RESCUE MISSION OF



## A story of courage, hope, and possibility

More than 1,000 Golden Retrievers have fallen on hard times in Istanbul, Turkey. Some of these gentle souls are living in shelters, while others are on the streets, trying to survive in conditions that are challenging and harsh. For 25 years, Golden Rescue's reach has extended primarily throughout Ontario and Quebec; however, when we learned about the desperate situation in Istanbul, we knew we wanted to help and thankfully, we were equipped to do so. With appropriate resources and processes in place and a vast number of loving families eager to welcome these beauties into their home, we were ready to step in. In December 2015, we officially launched our Rescue Mission of Love, bringing four Istanbul Golden Retrievers to Ontario and Quebec, knowing there would be more to follow.

To date, 39 Golden Retrievers from Istanbul have landed gently into the arms of their Canadian forever families, making snow angels for the first time, revelling in play with cats and kids, and learning to trust the humans who love them. And since rescuing these sweethearts, we've heard time and again from gracious forever families about the symbiotic rescue effect they've felt, saying, "I rescued him, and he rescued me right back."

It's been a remarkable journey so far and we're planning to share many more stories along the way as we continue to bring more Istanbul Golden Retrievers to Canada. But before we move forward, we're taking a moment to look back on how it all began ~ to glimpse into the hearts of the people who have been touched by this extraordinary experience and to learn more about the Golden Retrievers whose lives have been changed forever.

**BACK TO THE BEGINNING >>>**

# Revelation in Turkey

by Ben Samann, Director, Golden Rescue

Recently, I travelled to Istanbul, Turkey, with Viive Tamm, Chair of Golden Rescue's Board of Directors, on a personally-funded trip to do our due diligence and see for ourselves the situation that we had heard so much about. It was a trip that neither of us will ever forget; however, in the style of the great Douglas Adams, I will assure you that this story is a happy one, and that Turkey is doing an incredible job of managing a problem of unimaginable scale and caring for a significant stray dog population.

We had a lot of questions when we first arrived and had arranged for our contact, Edna, to guide us through some shelters.

I will skip the details of the first dinner with Edna on Sunday night and will save the flavours of the little fried fish we had for another publication, except to say that Edna was a wonderful hostess. We got to know each other over that dinner and over the next two days as we visited some shelters.

Our first stop was at a 'pensione' or what we would call a boarding kennel ~ a privately run home for dogs that also serves as a holding facility for Golden Retrievers destined for a new life. Some of the dogs had just arrived and others were headed for Atlanta (as the U.S. has been rescuing Istanbul Golden Retrievers for a while).

The first boy we met was Jake ~ overweight, matted, and smelly. We fell in love with him instantly and decided to claim him, seeing a beautiful Golden through his tangles and chubbiness. We also met Adelle and Rosie, two of the Golden Retrievers we eventually booked onto our own flight, and what sweeties they were. Healthy, happy, and wiggly Adelle was in need of a diet and Rosie had perfected her jumping skills. They seemed to love the Benny Bullies we provided and we were proud to put Golden Rescue collars on them as a first step toward a new beginning.

Then it was time to visit another shelter where we saw a large enclosure that housed about 30 Golden Retrievers. Through the fence, we were able to pat them and give them some instant love. One boy, who didn't greet us, had been at the shelter a very long time. We were told he had lost hope of being adopted, so he didn't join his shelter-mates at the fence when humans came by. Instantly, we named him Bob Hope and he was now part of the Golden Rescue posse headed for Canada. This particular shelter occupied approximately five acres, with several styles of enclosures ~ those near the entrance were approximately 20ft by 20ft, with around 5-10 dogs roaming in each area. We could see that each dog had its own house



with fresh water and food. We heard lots of barking, but also saw a lot of tail wagging. Running loose in the compound were others. Almost all were relatively well fed and we learned that they had been given necessary vaccinations, had been cared for medically, and were spayed or neutered.

We then headed down an aisle between two long rows of large pens each about 20ft by 50ft. Each enclosure contained about 20 dogs, seemingly sorted by temperament or breed. The Golden Retrievers we were going to see were housed toward the end of the enclosure, but before we reached them, we passed a group of tail-wagging tripods, barking for attention. We also passed two kennels ~ one housing small mixed breeds, the other, large mixed breeds. A third kennel was home to a number of Husky types. We estimated that about 2-3,000 dogs lived in this shelter. We named and claimed three more Golden Retrievers, all with sweet, loving personalities. It was difficult not claiming all of them!

Leaving the shelter that day, Viive and I were quite the sight ~ each of us gently guiding a Golden to a better life. Bob Hope, on Viive's leash, had come to life somehow knowing he'd been sprung from the shelter, and Happy, who lived up to his name, his head held high was a delight to walk toward a world that would be filled with joy and love.





The Golden Retrievers in our care were signed out and transported to the pensione with the others and we headed home, exhausted from an emotionally draining day, somewhat stinky, but feeling elated.

Viive and I enjoyed a night on the town (I will spare you the juicy details, except to say that we were back at the hotel by 9 p.m.) and the next morning, we were off on more doggy-discoveries.

The first stop was another pensione, where we were reunited with Adelle and Rosie and where we met Limon and Tokyo (good luck telling them apart, Golden Rescue team!) and a few others. While Edna worked, we just played with the six Golden Retrievers in the yard. Hard work, right?

That day, we drove to another municipal shelter where we were warmly greeted by Dr. Önder Oflazoglu, who shared some interesting facts with us:

The shelter was the newest in the city ~ a prototype for many new shelters to be built in the coming years. Incredibly, the roads are built in two-toned paving stones, the fences an elaborate design, and the kennels have radiant floor heating.

The total size is about 50 acres, with a capacity for about 5,000 dogs.

Most of these dogs would be contained in quarter houses, which are houses inside fenced yards, each of which had 20 huts inside. The majority of the huts were empty.

There are 80 staff on-site, including several surgeons.

In 2004, Turkey introduced new laws banning euthanasia except in medical cases. This means that the dogs in the street and in shelters need to be carefully managed and the main aim of Istanbul's dog program is to vaccinate, spay/neuter, and release to reduce the population over time.

These shelters seem to be increasingly well funded by the local government.

While Turkey's stray dog population is daunting to manage, it was clear that this country is admirably trying to look for new and better ways to deal with this issue. And it was also clear that the well-being of each and every dog is at the heart of everything they do.

As we departed Istanbul, with Rosie, Limon, Adelle, and Tokyo safely on board our flight, Viive and I were filled with hope and energized by the possibility of rescuing more...and more. We knew that our mission had just begun.







# THE JFK CONVOY

On January 14th, 2016, 18 beautiful, brave, and gentle Golden souls landed safely at New York's JFK International Airport after a 17-hour journey from Istanbul, Turkey. These personal anecdotes recount life-changing experiences when Golden Rescue volunteers and foster families travelled to New York City to meet these remarkable Golden Retrievers for the first time to bring them 'home'.



## Feeling 'Lucky'

*Grant Gillespie (foster, transporter, supporter)*

I went to New York City to get Lucky and lucky I was! This was one of the most rewarding, fun, exciting, stressful, and emotionally-charged expeditions I have ever experienced. I know how much work went into coordinating all the people, pups, and planes and I want to thank everyone that made it all possible. For those of us who were fortunate enough to make the trip, we felt instant gratification at the moment we saw 18 happy Golden Retrievers arrive safely ~ tails wagging and eager to greet us. I wish everyone associated with Golden Rescue could have experienced that very special moment in time. Back in the 1980s, Huey Lewis wrote a song, I Want a New Drug. Well, I found it ~ the sense of euphoria I experienced as a result of this operation. I cannot wait for the chance to do it all again. I would even go through the hassle we had at Canada Customs! Once again, thank you so much for all the very hard work that makes our job of transporting so easy and so rewarding. This is the secret to happiness: be a dog and if you can't be a dog, help a dog be a dog.

## Turkish Delight

*Lou Kirby (volunteer, supporter, champion of 'Golden Reflections')*

The love for our Golden Retrievers knows no borders or lands  
Throughout this big world we hold out our hands  
When dogs are in need we respond as we must  
We're doing what's right and we're doing what's just

So when Istanbul called, "we're in over our eyes"  
Our group from GR all heeded their cries  
Our team flew over and came home with four  
They settled these fosters then went back for more

Eighteen retrievers came into our home  
Excited and nervous and feeling alone  
Strange things like snow and the planes and the talk  
I'm sure their hearts raced as they bordered on shock

But love won them over 'cause Golden Retrievers love best  
Their hearts were all thumping so loud in their chest  
Their tongues licked new faces and tears fell like rain  
Knowing these babies were safe once again

As they headed to people to drive them away  
Their smiles were wide and their back ends sure swayed  
As they headed for home out into the night  
We established our own brand of Turkish Delight





## The Blizzard

*Cheryl-Anne Graham (placement team, foster, event volunteer, transporter)*

Everything was going smoothly for our convoy on highway 181, heading to New York City, until we hit a blizzard. Travelling in single file, four-way flashers on, at a speed of 50 kilometres per hour or less, I kept thinking that we wouldn't have to worry about NYC traffic after all because we probably weren't going to actually find NYC. As it turns out, I wasn't far wrong. NYC is surrounded by a maze of expressways. Somehow we lost our convoy and in the spirit of the movie Ground Hog Day, we kept driving by the same landmarks over and over again as we tried to find our hotel. It took a while, but with a zig here and a zag there, we finally found our way and eventually joined the rest of the group. There are many things I remember about the Golden's arrival at the airport. Hanger staff seemed to be in awe of how many arrived at once. They had lots of questions about what we were doing and we were so proud to provide all the answers. I also remember the tears ~ impossible to hold back when we heard the first barks and saw their little faces peeking out of their crates as the first skid arrived. It was a magical evening.

Rosemary Clooney and Andy Devine were our precious cargo on the drive home. Andy was quite content to catch up on his sleep; however, Rosemary wanted to help navigate! She kept trying to manoeuvre her way to the front seat to see what was going on ~ such a curious sweetie. We shared our story with everyone who asked, both on the drive down and on the way back. Hotel staff, waiters, and even the customs officers were supportive, kind, and very interested in our unique rescue mission. It was an amazing experience!



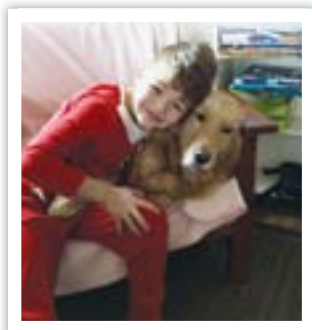
## Bucket List – Revised

*Kevin McLaughlin (adopter & adopter of Istanbul Golden Sophie Tucker, volunteer, supporter)*

Sophie is doing great. She's a social butterfly and simply melts hearts wherever she goes. Her tail is in perpetual motion and she's affectionate beyond words. It didn't take long for Sophie to take over most of my queen-size bed at night. Is that wrong? However, I also seem to have lost my favourite Lazy Boy as Sophie finds it quite comfortable. Whatever Sophie wants, Sophie seems to get. Maybe I should rename her Lola! While I started this journey as a foster-to-adopt, it took only a second to realize that there was no need to foster at all. I knew instantly that I wanted to adopt my gorgeous girl when she was released from her travelling crate. Sophie is my family...and this is the story of how she rescued me. The trip to NYC was not uneventful. With all the focus on dog bowls, treats, toys, leashes, directions, hotel reservations, and international doggy paperwork, there were some forgotten passports and a driver's licence to make for a tricky border crossing. And this might also be a good time to mention that a few vehicles in our convoy inadvertently found themselves in the EZ Pass lane, allowing for an unauthorized mad dash into the US. We can laugh about it now. Next, our convoy of 11 vehicles all seemed to take turns getting lost in NYC. Even Ethel, my GPS, had a nervous breakdown and I cannot repeat the names I called 'her' when 'she' let me down. But it was all soon forgotten when we arrived at the JFK airport hangar, overcome by waves of emotion as we waited for the first Golden bundles to be brought out of the hangar.

We could hear them 'talking' before we could see them which only ignited the electricity and excitement in the air. My Sophie was the second to come out of her crate and it was at the precise moment when I took her leash that I fell in love. I cried like I hadn't in years and I basked in this life-changing moment that I will never, ever forget. We were both rescues, safely delivered into each other's lives and we now had our first memory. It struck me hard how much planning, effort, and coordination on behalf of Golden Rescue went into this mission and how grateful I was. Arriving back at the hotel, our group was re-energized, now in charge of 18 Golden sweethearts who just wanted to play in the parking lot at 2 a.m. After a bit of sleep with the Golden's on our hotel beds, we were on the road again, headed for Canada. Crossing the border into Canada didn't go quite as planned and after a 3.5-hour delay to explain to the nice customs folks why 18 Turkish Golden's who had landed in the U.S. were now heading to Canada, we were on our way home. Finally! I recently told one of your volunteers that after my trip to NYC, I revisited my bucket list. This adventure was exhilarating. With twists and turns, ups and downs, tears and laughter, where we held our breath as the Golden's arrived in crates on a skid, happy and safe ~ it was a spectacular occasion. Who gets to do that in a lifetime? I did. And for that reason, it went on the top of my bucket list with a proud declaration of 'DID THAT' beside it.

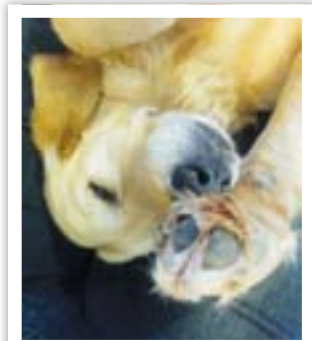
# Where Are They Now...



## Adelle #2241

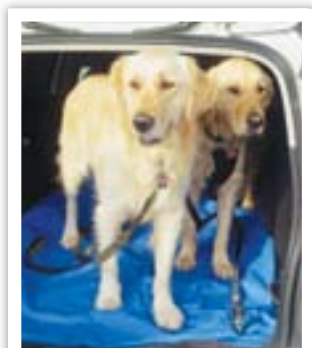
Christmas came early for us this year, but it wasn't Santa delivering the gifts ~ it was Golden Rescue. On December 20th, we brought a 'golden' treasure into our lives, named Adelle ~ a three-year-old healthy and somewhat trained, beauty from Istanbul. After having recently lost one of our Golden's earlier in the year, we felt like Adelle rescued us as much as we rescued her. She brought new life into our family as only a Golden can. From the moment she bounded through the door, greeting us with a wide Golden grin and a very vocal 'hello', we knew Adelle was a member of our family. Our five-year-old son, Liam, and 13-year-old Golden, Louis, fell in love with her instantly. Adelle is now our official greeter when we come home every day and revels in long walks, rolling in the snow, scoring endless belly rubs, and playing with her favourite stuffed toys. Intuitively, she's also claimed our former Golden's chair as her own, perhaps understanding that she mended our broken hearts. We are very grateful to Golden Rescue ~ we could not have imagined a better fit to complete our family.

**Michelle & Andrew**



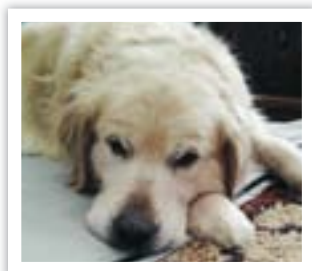
## Rosie #2242

We call her Miss Rosie ~ it just seems to suit her. So much has happened since we brought her into our home. It's fun to look back at her transformation and how it all happened. Sweet Rosie had a very long journey to get to our home in Quebec. Not only did she endure the flight from Istanbul to Toronto, but she also traveled for 19 hours in our car (the time it took to drive from her foster home to ours). It was a remarkable ride for us ~ strangers on a road trip. But it didn't take long to fall in love with her. Initially she was a bit shy and unsure of her surroundings; however, she was eager to learn how to live with her new forever family. It was immediately apparent that Miss Rosie was exceptionally affectionate, wanting to snuggle with all of us. Rosie is the new 'kid' at the dog park but she loves everything about it and the other dogs have welcomed her to the group. Every day is a new adventure for our sweetie. Her funniest habit is rummaging through the garbage and gently bringing her contraband back to her bed to simply stare at and protect it. This says a lot about the life she had before we brought her 'home'. Our beautiful Rosie means the world to us ~ we cannot imagine life without her. Our hearts are full and just looking at her makes us smile. **Michelle**



## Limon #2243 & Tokyo #2244

They had us at 'hello'. Any doubts we had about taking in two Golden's from Istanbul vanished when we met them at the airport. Both Limon and Tokyo were affectionate and relatively well behaved from the start. Eagerly jumping into the car, they were curious about who we were and where they were going and became more curious when we arrived home ~ "Why is the grass so crunchy (frozen)?" "You mean we can sleep indoors in a warm place...sweet dreams!" "The food, oh the food, different from what we were used to...yum!" "What are those strange animals in the backyard ~ ah, squirrels, let's chase 'em!" Limon always manages to win the tug-of-war games with Tokyo; however, Tokyo can always push Limon out of the way if there's a possibility of being patted or hugged. Wrestling matches usually end with sleeping almost on top of each other. Witnessing this kind of joy, we wonder why we were ever cautious about taking 'the boys'. They love their walks, meeting new people and dogs, chewing on all their new toys, playing with our grandchildren, and even visiting the groomer and the vet. Limon and Tokyo have filled a void with an abundance of precious moments. Now we have two more young and energetic Golden's to love. We are very lucky! **Bonnie & Dan**



## Bailey #2260

Bailey was originally named Bob Hope by Viive and Ben when they travelled to Istanbul to meet the Golden's who would be coming to Canada. That day was the beginning of a new life for this precious boy. A lot was about to change. A smart boy, he has already learned my routine. He sits at the front door, patiently waiting for my arrival home and watching me back into the garage. Then he runs to the back door and greets me with the same sweetness every single day and so begins his ritual of following me around the house. Bailey is my world. I won the lottery when he came into my life. He loves to be combed, he tirelessly plays with his ball, he finds great joy in stealing my shoes (I don't find as much joy in that), and he's fascinated with wildlife programs on TV. And in addition to all of these adorable traits, his most distinguishable characteristic is his perpetually wagging tail ~ perhaps a sign that he has finally found his 'hope'. **Joan**



## Winston #2261

Winston completes our life. When we lost our Border Collie and our Golden Retriever, they left a huge, empty hole in our lives. And while we brought Lincoln, our new Border Collie into our lives in June, there was still a palpable void in our home that we knew could only be filled by a Golden. Enter Winston. He's loving, happy, affectionate, funny, and a truly amazing boy considering all that he's been through. We can't imagine life without him. He follows us everywhere with his beautiful brown eyes and constant wagging tail. Thank you so very much Golden Rescue! **Pam & Bill**



All the Golden Retrievers from Istanbul have been officially adopted by their forever families. These are their second chance stories.



### Lana Turner #2262

Our first impression of Lana Turner was that she was affectionate ~ really affectionate. On the car ride home, she snuggled into my lap and laid there quietly. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. I had always wanted a snuggler and we now had one. With each passing day, we learned more about her personality. She likes shoes and collects them on her bed. She loves to chase a ball, play with sticks, and enjoys playful jostling with other dogs. After surviving the heartbreak of losing two Golden Retrievers over 22 years, we thought we would never be dog owners again, but when we heard about the plight of the Istanbul Golden Retrievers, we knew we had to help. We feel blessed to be providing a second chance to this lovely girl and now our lives are whole again. We encourage anyone who is considering a rescue, to take the plunge. A Golden is a Golden and nothing can diminish their beautiful spirit. Golden Rescue is an amazing organization. I have been so impressed by the love that drives everyone to help them. **Karen & Andy**



### Sophie Tucker #2263

January 14th, 2016, is probably one of the best days of my life. My little girl from Istanbul had arrived at JFK and what a special moment it was. We went for a walk when she was taken out of her travelling crate and, after a few minutes, I just stopped to look at her. She looked up, leaned into me, and licked my hand. I was smitten as I think she knew she was 'home'. Sophie is a small Golden, weighing around 45 lbs. but the affection and love she has for everything and everyone makes her larger than life! Sophie's favourite things include dogs, cats, rabbits, riding in the car, toys, playing ball, my La-Z-Boy, and her walks. Oh man, she loves her walks. When I agreed to foster-to-adopt a dog from another country, I wasn't exactly sure what the outcome would be. But within hours of meeting her, I knew that I'd made the right decision. Sophie showed me that a Golden is a Golden, regardless of geography. Sweet Sophie has worked her way into my heart and has proven the adage that 'a dog is man's best friend'. Perhaps more accurately, I would add, 'a Golden is man's best friend'. **Kevin**



### Fiona #2264

We are thrilled with Fiona. Let us preface this by saying that we love her to bits, regardless of her little quirk of chewing stuff. She chews on doors and laundry and she is an Olympian counter-surfer! But we're working on it all. Fiona is quite a busy, bouncy girl who follows us everywhere ~ doesn't every Golden do that? We love it. Just for fun, we thought we'd provide some thoughts from Fiona's perspective. Oh, if dogs could talk! Hi, my name is Fiona but it used to be Dorothy Lamour. Earlier in January, I was in Istanbul where the weather was definitely warmer than it is here. It was quite a journey to my new life, but looking back, I'm so glad I was chosen to have a second chance at a wonderful life. I'm really trying to be a good girl and learn the ropes even though the food, language, and my surroundings are a bit different. I'm pretty flexible though and I think I'm catching on quickly. You know us Golden Retrievers ~ we're quick learners and our language is simple...just love us and we'll love you right back. And speaking of love... I love my forever family. Thank you also for all my great food, toys, snuggles...did I mention the food? **Cindy & Doug**



### Heida #2265 (the beauty on the cover)

Tiny and skinny...that's how Lucille Ball came to us. We now call her Heida and she has such a soft coat, expressive face, beautiful 'doe eyes' and the sweetest personality you can imagine. Although a former injury causes her to limp, it doesn't hold her back when she's in the backyard, skillfully running figure eights around trees at warp speed. She's an efficient communicator, knowing just when to approach for a belly rub and should we miss the signal, Heida has been known to jump on the sofa so there's no misunderstanding her request for a snuggle. This outward show of affection melts our hearts every time. During the early days, we realized that Heida was not used to playing with toys. We thought perhaps she was so fixated on food that she didn't have time for play, but she has learned quickly that the giraffe and duck stuffies and rope toy can be a ton of fun. Day after day we marvelled at how Heida learned where to sleep. It took her a while to move from the floor onto her bed. She now 'gets' that soft is better. She's smart, funny, sweet, and just looking at her puts smiles on our faces. Our Heida makes our house a home. **Donna & Thomas**



### Hedy Lamarr #2266

Hedy likes Timbits. Yes, she does...ohhhh yes! The day we picked up Hedy at JFK, we had stocked our car with a couple of coffees and a box of what Hedy would describe as 'heaven in a box' (if she could talk). In a flash, she flew up to the front of the car, grabbed the Timbits by the little cardboard handle and charged to the back of the SUV, hoping we wouldn't notice. Laughing and fumbling for a camera, we scrambled to the back of the car and successfully wrestled the handle from Hedy's mouth, likely saving her from a bout of doggy indigestion. Hedy is learning to adjust to her new life in our home, at the dog park, at the groomer's, and of course on her own when we have to leave the house. She's finding her favourite spots and Hedy's favourite place seems to be the car, gently resting her head on the console, keeping an eye on our driving skills. Or maybe she's just waiting patiently for another box of yumminess to miraculously appear. **Patti & Robin**

# Where Are They Now...



## #2267 Georgie

We're still simply amazed that he's here! Just looking at him brings back one of the most moving and rewarding experiences we will likely ever have ~ driving to New York City to bring George Burns home. Understandably, he was a bit timid when he first hopped into our car, but as the trip progressed, he started to relax and we honestly believe he instinctively knew that he was heading to a good home. We affectionately call him Georgie and his fur brother and sister, Oban and Laya, are teaching him the way in his brand new world. Georgie is a 'tri-pawd', which somehow makes him more loveable. And boy oh boy, can he run! We've ordered a special harness for him, specifically made for three-legged pups, to help him enjoy his walks even more than he already does. So where does Georgie sleep, you ask? Well, on any given night or day, our sweet boy can be found on the sofa, the bed, his bed, on a chair or on one of us ~ you get the picture? He's a special boy who likes snow, cantaloupe, apples, cucumbers, bananas, his toys, his blankie, playing with his brother, his pawdicures, snuggles and...regular meals. He's made our small family complete. We will be forever grateful for Georgie Porgie Puddin' and Pie!

**Monica & Chris**



## Molly #2268

Molly is our joy. From the moment she arrived in our home, we knew it was a match made in heaven. We were thrilled when she slept through her first night ~ a wonderful sign that she felt calm with her new family. In the short time we've had her, Molly has learned to counter-surf and has scored a huge cache of cookies, climbed up on a bed because no one was using it (since it seemed to be calling her name), has been to church, and has come to love the snuggles, hugs, and praise she receives from all the people who have been warmed by her story. Every day, we get to know each other better and with patience and structure, Molly no longer counter-surfs and understands that her doggy bed is the best place to sleep. We are so thankful for the dedication and support of the many volunteers at Golden Rescue. We are truly blessed to have Molly join our family and we look forward to life's journey with her. **Judith & Guy**



## Andy Devine #2269

Andy Devine has arrived! After a journey of over 5,550 miles by air and car, our Istanbul boy arrived at our home, shepherded by a gracious, dedicated Golden Rescue volunteer. Our life has not been the same since and his presence in our life reminds us of the wise words from the late Sister Jose Hobday, "Children and animals upset the ordered world of adults." In other words, they save us from ourselves and our self-preoccupation. Our Andy is about seven or eight years old and we've observed that he is playful, beautiful, resilient, trusting, intelligent, mischievous, and gentle with people. We believe he may eventually be a good therapy dog ~ time will tell. He loves the outdoors and his daily walks and a regular exercise program and diet should help with his weight loss...and ours! He loves his car rides and sleeping in our bedroom and, yes, sometimes on our bed. Inch by inch life is a cinch ~ yard by yard it is kind of hard. To Andy's credit, he has overcome a host of new challenges ~ language, climbing stairs, trusting the pleasure of a belly rub, new routines, and life in general. But in the words of my oldest daughter, we 'hit the jackpot' and in some respects we know that Andy 'found' us. Andy helps us to lead a more contemplative life as he hangs out in our sunroom and stares for hours at nature and the birds at our feeders. Thank you Golden Rescue ~ our quest for gold is complete! **Ann & Larry**



## Abby #2270

Abby has made our family complete and we feel so lucky to have such a beauty grace our life. Remarkably, considering all that Abby has been through, we can report that life with this sweetheart is idyllic. Some highlights ~ settled in easily to our farm, has very good manners, knows to sit when we attach her leash, has a healthy appetite, is completely house trained, loves her walks, plays fetch like a pro, has a high need to please, and takes great comfort in stretching out in front of the fireplace. We look forward to experiencing life's adventures together. **Kathi & Rob**



## Finnigan #2271

My boy Finnigan has stolen many hearts already. He's smart, gentle, thoughtful, cuddly, fun loving, irresistible, and oh so lovable. When he wants attention, he puts his head down and peeks up at me with sad soulful eyes ~ impossible to resist. So I meet him on the floor and those eyes come to life with amazing sparkle, his tail perks up with delight, and a slobbery tongue comes out for a kiss. He gets me every time and I know he's saying, "Ha, fooled ya!" It was love at first sight when Finn met Sammy, the cat. Suddenly, he exploded with joy, running in circles, tail flying, and his head held high. Finn had a friend and he was really, really excited about it. They've been inseparable ever since. His next 'joy burst' happened after his first bath and then again playing ball and after his first swim in the fish pond. I truly believe my Finn is the happiest creature on earth. And that just makes me smile! **Vivien**



## They're calling Canada 'home' ...



### Annie #2272

Annie is a keeper. We love her and she has settled in remarkably well. After a very long trip across the ocean and then another long trip from New York to Ontario, Annie remained gentle, attentive, loving, and loveable from the moment we met her. She made herself comfortable her first night in our home, snuggling up to us on the sofa and steadfastly watching us eat. At one point a loosely held piece of toast in one hand disappeared in a second when we weren't paying much attention. We can't imagine what it was like for some of these sweethearts, who were living on the street before being saved by kind volunteers...no longer having to compete for food. Annie does have a pinned foreleg which means walks are limited and gentle while she recuperates, but she's delighted to see the leash come out and manages some dances and gallops around the garden. She loves her toys and seems to know quite a bit of English ~ or maybe she has just learned that if she sits, a treat will follow! We're looking forward to providing the best life possible for our sweet girl and we're thrilled to say that she has already enhanced ours immensely. **Carole & Roger**



### Jake #2274 & Lucky #2277

My two Istanbul Golden retrievers have a special bond between them. Not only do they play and sleep side by side, but Chloe runs to Jake when he barks and drags her toys to him so he always has something to play with. She also brings me Jake's bowl when he's finished eating. When Jake recently had dental surgery, Chloe and I brought him home from the hospital together. She gathered some toys and protected him, tucked into his paws. The three of us slept on blankets in the family room all night, ensuring that Jake was comfortable. We go out for drives and romp on our property and it's so heartwarming to feel such a bond with these two awe-inspiring Goldies. Chloe is a very sweet, gentle little girl who is extraordinarily well-behaved and is quite busy caring for Jake and shadowing me wherever I go. Jake is a gentleman and a true teddy bear, moving a bit slower than his sister, but always interested in playing with Chloe when the mood strikes her. My new furbabies are inseparable, soul-mates it would appear! And they have completed my family. **Penny**



### Quinn #2275

It was Friday, January 15th...D-Day and that's 'D' for Dog. I could barely wait to meet him! Finally, I met a dirty, average-sized Golden sporting a bandana that read 'Anthony Quinn'. In an instant, my family had increased by one. Quinn was notably smelly. I would have to wait to learn the rest of his admirable traits over time. Exhausted from his ordeal, Quinn slept soundly on the ride home. When we neared his forever home, a furry head peeked over the back seat as if to say, "Are we there yet?" Listening to Quinn sleep quietly by my side, I now know how much I've missed the sound of a dog breathing, sleeping, dreaming...even snoring. I didn't think I would ever be this happy again after losing my last Golden, but Quinn has definitely filled the void in my heart. To paraphrase a quote from one of our valued volunteers, "A Golden isn't my whole life, but Quinn has made my life whole." **Cathy**



### Bo #2276

We don't necessarily believe in love at first sight, but as we knelt down to meet Bo, he licked our faces as if to say, "Hi Mom!" "Hi Dad!" and just like that, we were in love...at first sight. Bo is an extremely gentle and loving little boy. He enjoys cuddling, making snow angels, and of course playing with his new brother. He makes us laugh out loud when we occasionally find him sleeping on his back with a front paw sticking straight up in the air and it's very entertaining to watch him 'army crawl' when it's time play. Although we have no real history on Bo, we do know that he had a rough life and was a street dog. Despite this, he's so eager to cuddle up to anyone who will let him. Every night he plunks himself in our bed and seems to be at peace, wedged between us, his head resting on our shoulder or stomach. It's heartbreaking to know that such a kind soul was starving for love and affection. Bo is tangible proof that the 'Rescue Mission of Love' is off to a successful start. We feel a renewed sense of purpose in providing Bo with a second chance at a better life. Bo has given us fuller hearts, a more complete family, a brother and playmate for our young Charlie, and a new furbaby on which to dote. Bo is pure love! **Brianna & Andre**

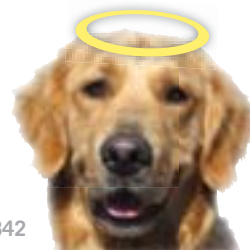


# Operation Istanbul...

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# Golden Angels

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



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## Janice Campbell

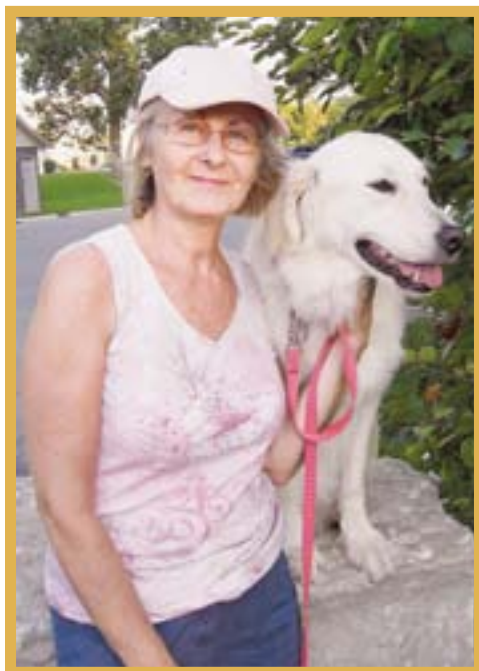
Janice has been volunteering with GR for three years. If one talks about 'wearing many hats', Janice wears several. An active hotline team member, she loves talking on the phone about Golden Retrievers and GR. Her help certainly doesn't stop there as Janice does home visits, helps organize LCBO Tag Days and Pet Valu Days, and works as a Volunteer Coordinator on the Pickering Markets event. She has also volunteered at the picnic but perhaps her greatest love is working on the transport team, including subbing for our team lead Julie in her absence. Janice says and we quote, "There is nothing like a Golden riding shotgun". She also says she has made many great friends through Golden Rescue and we are not surprised as Janice's sunny personality and positive can-do attitude is indeed infectious. We are fortunate and grateful to Janice for devoting so much time and energy to Golden Rescue!

## Dan Cummings

After his retirement in 2013, Dan was looking for something interesting to do when not golfing. A friend introduced him to GR and he was fascinated with the many volunteer opportunities. Dan chose fostering and his knack for training became immediately useful as his first foster, Chloe, was a difficult case. After several weeks, Chloe's whole demeanor improved with Dan's patience and care and she was ready for her forever family. Since then, Dan has successfully fostered many Golden Retrievers, some with behavioural issues. One of Dan's most rewarding experience, however, was fostering one of the Istanbul Golden Retrievers, sweet Adelle, and being part of the convoy of volunteers that went to JFK to pick them up. He was very happy being chosen to be the first one to open the crates of all 18 tail-wagging Golden Retrievers. We are so happy that Dan found us as he is worth his weight in gold!

## John Doucette

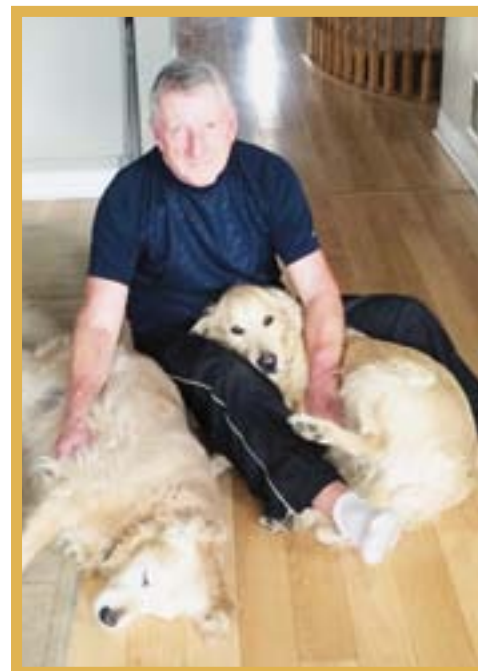
John is a GR adopter and a Wishbone Lottery superstar. When he was asked if he would help by selling some tickets, he was reluctant to ask friends for money until he thought about his two rescues, Scarlett #1836 and Hughie #2047, and realized what a good cause this was. So armed with his passion, John utilized his extensive email database and was flabbergasted when the money started rolling in from his friends, who were obviously dog lovers as well. Two years in a row he has sold over \$6,500 of tickets, an absolute halcyon feat. John is also a real wit. After not having any winners he remarked, "I'm feeling like a fugitive from the law of averages". But he followed that up with saying that Golden Retrievers were the real winners in the lottery. John, thank you so much for your tenaciousness...you are a winner in our books!



Janice with Lily



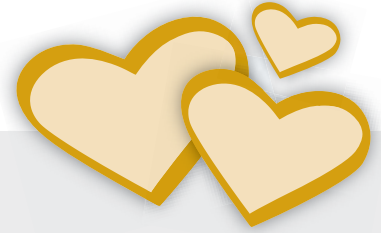
Dan with Istanbul Golden Adelle #2241



John with Scarlett #1836 and Hughie #2047



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## Things aren't always as they seem...

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and his dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." the man gestured and the gate began to open.

"Can," gesturing toward his dog, "come in too?" the traveller asked.

"I'm sorry sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked

as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveller gestured to his dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump" said the man.

They went through the gate and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand-pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to his dog. When they were full, he and his dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveller asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveller said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

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*In memory of Jed, my best friend, you have left a big hole in my heart*

Cheryl Cox  
Laurie Craig  
*In honour of Lynda Cook's retirement*  
Brenda Crompton  
*In memory of my 2 Poodles Emiril and Armond*  
Dianne Crutcher  
Corinne Cvitkovic  
Kristine Dandavino  
*In honour of Amanda De Boer Ladwig*  
Bernice Davidson  
*In memory of Josie Kelly*  
Elizabeth Davidson  
Dianne Davies  
Melissa Desforges  
*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
Don Valley Animal Hospital  
Rob & Stacie Donovan  
*In honour of Roxie, Ginger & Spud*  
Shawn Douglas  
Karen Doukas  
*In honour of The Blains*  
Patricia Drummond  
Michael J. Duggan  
*In honour of Doobie, Sophie & Adelle*  
Dave & Linda Durham  
*In memory of Ronald Henry Croft*  
Tammy Earle  
David Edmunds  
Tim Elliott  
Mellissa Ennis  
*In honour of Alanna, Calhou, Keith Falk & The Dude*  
Sara Houstoun-Evoy  
Bill Farwell  
Frances Ferguson  
Gisel Fernandez  
*In honour of Lady and Molly & the Istanbul Goldens*  
Alexandra Ferris  
Brian Finer  
Linda Finney-Carter  
Diana Duncan-Fletcher  
*In memory of Norma Smith*  
Peter Floro  
Matthew Fortune  
*In honour of Bernice Fortune*  
Diana Foster  
Chris & Monica Fralick  
*In memory of Arthur & Dylan*  
Deborah Frankland  
*In memory of Shelby Collier*  
Kristi Gallant  
David Gallinger  
*In memory of Maple*  
Colleen Gerrie  
Diane & Barry Gibbons  
On behalf of our Jack #1753  
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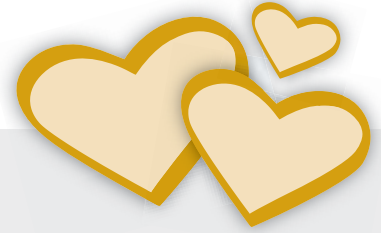
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*In memory of Winnie & Molly Hollingsworth and in honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
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Katherine, Nugget & Oscar Jabeck  
*In honour of Denny & Austin Rahaman*  
Pat Jacklin  
*In memory of Dylan, Jane's trusted friend*  
Jill Jackson  
*In honour of Mary*  
Karen Jagoe  
Andrew Janes  
Marzena Janiak  
*In memory of my Golden girl Misty*  
Pat Jaskula  
*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
David Johnson  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
Jody Johnson  
*In memory of Carolyn White's father*  
Laura Johnson  
*In memory of Daisy & Angel*  
Vivien Johnson  
Gillian Johnston  
*In memory of Jack Lewis*  
Mike Kakuk  
*In loving memory of George #682 & Murphy #683 and in honour of their mom Kelly Blais*  
Diana Kazor  
*In memory of Simon, the best dog ever*  
Jane Kenyon-Bell  
*In honour of Teri & Bill Currie*  
Renee Kessler  
Paula Klochko  
Diane Knoppert  
Sandy Knox  
Bob Kovacs  
Jan Krueger  
*In memory of Katy*

Monica Laane-Fralick  
*In memory of Toby #422, we miss you*  
*Happy Birthday Auntie Cheryl-Anne!*  
*Love Oban & Laya*  
*In honour of Rosie from Istanbul ~ welcome to Canada*  
*In honour of George Burns & (Dum)Bo*  
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Deborah Lavallee  
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Douglas Lennox  
*In memory of Higgins*  
Lisa J. Leonard  
John Lesaux  
Diane Lewis  
Christine Lighthall  
Christine Logier  
*In memory of Casey*  
Jeff Long  
*In memory of Sasha*  
Susan Lumbers  
*In memory of Tommy*  
Jacqueline Lynch  
*In memory of Casey Jane*  
Justine MacIsaac  
*In memory of Oscar*  
Jennifer MacLachlan  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
Cynthia MacLeod  
Barbara Maguire  
Jeanne Mai  
Carole Mann  
Krystyne Manzer  
Maple Ridge Community Management  
On behalf of Audrey's Angels  
Penny Maring  
*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
Julie Marriott  
*In memory of Tucker*  
Linda Marrison  
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*In memory of Robert & June McBey*  
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*In honour of Heidi Steinberg Fenton*  
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*In honour of Alan Norris*  
Renate McCloy  
*In memory of Connor*  
Candice McDonald  
Kim McGlade  
*In memory of Shelly Snell*  
Mike & Brenda McGowan  
*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
Antoinette McPhee  
Debbie & Tom Melber  
*In celebration of Janet McQueenie's birthday*  
Jim Merson  
*In memory of Leonna Merson*  
Debra Milband  
Elaine Santa Mina  
Deanna Mircheff





# Retriever Believers ~ you truly have **GOLDEN** hearts!



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*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
 Kim Morrison  
 Claudia Morrow  
*In honour of Steve (and Ted) for all his support*  
 Rebecca Mott  
 Darren Nantes  
*In memory of Jim Larsen*  
 Cheryl Nedelec  
*In memory of Riley Nedelec*  
 Lelsey & Ken Neufeld  
*In honour of Doug & Joan Wootton and Ty*  
 Keith Nielsen  
 Roberta Northey  
*In memory of Cayla Northey*  
 Helen O'Connor  
 Overthehillites  
*In memory of Nigel Robertson*  
 Katrina Owen  
*In honour of Nigel Owen*  
 Marion Owen  
 Chrisian Palicki  
*In honour of Amanda DeBoer*  
 Natalie Artinoff-Paquette  
*In honour of Petgiffer*  
 Susan Paradoski  
 Ian Parker  
*In memory of all our Goldens*  
 Jacqueline Parker  
 Mary Patterson  
 Patricia Pattison  
*In memory of James Larsen*  
 Heidi Piitz  
*In memory of Dylan #1124 & Arthur*  
 Teresa Pilon  
*In honour of the Istanbul Goldens*  
 Andree Poirier

Brenda Poirier  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
 Palma Polesel  
*In honour of Simcoe*  
 Catherine Pomeroy  
*In honour of Riley #2085*  
 Lee Procter  
*In memory of Brandy & Astro*  
 R Howard Webster Foundation  
 Alison Rae  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
 Karen Rawlings  
*In memory of George #682 & Murphy #683*  
 Re/Max  
 Anthony Redman  
 Joan Richardson  
 Jane Riddell  
*In memory of Arthur*  
*In memory of Dylan #1124*  
 Rachel Robert  
*In honour of our beautiful boy Sammy*  
 Eileen Robertson  
 Lynn Robertson  
*In memory of George #682 & Murphy #683*  
 Paulette Robertson  
 Monica Robinson  
 Walter Rolland  
 Pamela Rollingson-Haslem  
*In memory of Kem*  
 Kathy Rolph  
 Brian Schuppert  
 Dale Scratch  
 John & Shelley Scriver  
 Cynthia & Kevin Self  
*In memory of Billy and Maggie (Bobby Jo)*  
 Barbara Semple  
 Linda Shales  
 Pat Shaver  
 Jean & Frank Shepherd

*In memory of Bren Harrold*  
 Monty Sheppard  
*In honour of Jake*  
 Sandra Sherk  
 Dyanne Sicluna  
*In memory of James Larsen*  
 Peter Slater  
 Michele Sloski  
*In memory of Shiloh*  
 Donald Smith  
*In memory of Cash*  
 William Smith  
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 Anita Sparrow  
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 Sally Stewart  
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 Jay M. Stringer  
 Sharon Sudol  
 Bonnie Sunnen  
*In memory of Avril M. MacDonald MD*  
 Paul & Bonnie Sunnen  
 Viive Tamm  
*In memory of Gubsie #1849*  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
*In memory of Kilo #1367*  
*In memory of Reba*  
 Kim Taylor  
 Rebecca Thomas  
*In memory of Misty Thomas & Su Thomas*  
 Christine Thompson  
 Luke, Chris, Brett, Nadia, Bronwyn & Teddy Thompson  
*In honour of Christy, John & Tucker*  
 Ruth Thompson  
 Amy Thornton  
*In memory of Brinkley*  
 Marilyn Tobe

Conrad Toepfer  
 Marina Tong  
 Linda Trayhurn  
*In memory of Connor*  
 Molly Uy  
*In memory of Arden, loving Golden of Leigh Palmer*  
 Kathleen Waite  
 Jean-Louis Wallace  
 Don Wardell  
*In memory of Jim Larsen*  
 Jane Waters & Laurie Stotts  
 Sandra C. Waters  
*In memory of Jim Larsen*  
 Sharon Weglo  
 Karin Weir  
 Carolyn White  
 David Williamson  
*In memory of Ronald Henry Croft*  
 Elizabeth Wilson  
*In memory of Hurley #1545*  
 Margaret Wilson  
 Alfred Wirth  
 Bernard & Norton Wolf Family Foundation  
 Marlene Wolfer  
 Terry Woodrow  
*In memory of our larger-than-life goofball Hurley #1545*  
*In memory of Jane Riddell's Arthur & Dylan*  
 Eric & Lisa Wright  
*In memory of Jed*  
 Lorie Wright  
 Judy Yolleck  
 Linda Young



## Meet Charger #2126

Charger is a big, handsome ball of goofy fur. We adopted this fantastic boy at nine years of age and he came with a number of health issues. Many of these issues have been resolved and he is now over 10 years old and going strong. He is an absolute sweetheart and we love him to bits.

**Lynda & Vaughan**

## Meet Jackson #2089

Jackson came to us beautifully trained. This was such a blessing for my son and I as we have never had a furry family member and we realize that we are the luckiest people in the world to have found this amazing boy. He is also a stunner. We regularly experience passers-by saying, "Beautiful boy"...and beautiful he certainly is ~ inside and out. You would never know he is eight years old as he still has the energy of a pup. He has a few personal space issues with other dogs at times but other than that he is perfect. He is great with people and kids and gives his affection and trust to everyone he meets. Our extended family have fallen in love with this amazing boy and we feel privileged to have been chosen to give him the healthy, loving, safe family he so deserves.

**Mary, Cam & Owen**





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

**Dunkin #775**

In memory of our favourite Sunset Point buddy, Dunkin #775. **Paul & Anne Zvonkin**

**George #682**

Our hearts go out to Kelly and Mike with the loss of their handsome boy George. The fact that he was 17.5 years old when he passed is a testament to the love, commitment, and amazing care he was given over the years. He has now been reunited with his 'soulmate' Murphy #683 at the Rainbow Bridge and they are most certainly giving each other regular spa days. Run free George and Murphy, your spirit will go on forever in the hearts of all who loved you both. **Cherie & Randy**

**Hunter #1423**

I knew from the first day I met you that we were meant to be...that particular smile you always had and the warmth in my heart as soon as I laid eyes on you. Thank you for that unconditional love Hunter, I'm glad I was able to provide you a wonderful life with a loving home. We all miss you Hunter bear! **Steve & Chase**

**Hunter #1457**

Hunter's time with us was far too short (September 2010 – November 2015)! He was a gentle giant and a sweet soul. We will forever miss that goofy grin. Be at peace my sweet boy! **Jackie & Stu**

**Hurley #1545**

In loving memory of Terry & Bob's Hurley who was a one of a kind Golden gone far too soon. May his spirit go on in the wonderful memories shared and the all the stories of his daily antics. RIP sweet boy, you were loved beyond words. **Cherie & Randy**

**Hurley #1545**

Terry and Bob, we will miss the many ongoing adventures of Hurley. Taken away too young but peacefully, we'll bet he is up to his shenanigans at the Rainbow Bridge, continuing to bring joy and laughter to all. So very sorry for your loss! **Patti & Harry**

**Lucy #554**

It is with great sadness that we lost our fantastic, wonderful, and beautiful Lucy. She is now in peace, suffering no more. She came into our family in Sept 2005 from Golden Rescue. We have had 10.5 wonderful years with her. She overcame her disability of blindness and conquered all. She will be remembered and greatly missed by us and her babysister Shelby and brother Caesar and will be forever in our hearts. God bless you and rest in peace. You certainly deserve a special place in Doggie Heaven with Avery. Love always and forever! **Joan & Terry Mayo**

**Macy #2006**

In loving memory of sweet Macy who left her forever family too soon. We extend our deepest sympathies to Robert and Donna who gave her a life she had never experienced. She will be missed by many. **Karen**

**Medar #2168**

Our deepest sympathies to Alisha and Steve who only had Medar for a short time but loved him dearly. Bruno will miss his friend. **Karen**

**Maverick #1439**

Mr. Maverick Cartwright, 2008-2015, was a reddish/blonde gentleman who loved to chew sticks, chase balls, jump off the dock, and carry shoes to the door to greet visitors. He brought much happiness to his friends and



**Hunter #1423**



**Hunter #1457**



**Lucy #554**



family, namely his human mother Heather & her partner Mary, his canine sister Maggie, his extended family Meredith, Vicky, Brooke, Hatley, Nicolas, Brian, and Bryn and his dog walker Auben Fitz. He will be missed by many, including his daily dog walking group and his canine girlfriends, Stella and Bernice, to whom he was always the beta to their alpha. Suddenly diagnosed and suffering from lymphoma cancer, Mister Maverick (aka Mav, Mavie, Magic, Mavrich) nevertheless enjoyed a robust life in his seven short years. He was prone to stamping his feet and whining for his breakfast at 6 a.m. and never met a door that he didn't want to be on the other side of. He preferred his own stink, enjoyed a good roll in mud, deer poop or snow, and delighted in tracking in all kinds of dirt and debris onto his mummy's new rugs. He was especially vocal on car rides to the park and within 10 minutes of the cottage. He leaves behind numerous half-chewed and decapitated dog toys, a very sad mummy, and numerous happy memories of bum scratches and close companionship through difficult times. He will be sorely missed but now gets to play with Heidi, Laddie, Ginny, Bryn, Hannah, Clara, Nelson, and Rugby (all the Cartwright dogs from 1970 onwards) in Doggie Heaven, where Nana will

watch over them and slip them hot buttered toast from the celestial breakfast table. Submitted with love from his human mum and chief ear cleaner! **Heather Cartwright**

**Nellie**

Sharon & Gary's 'Sweet Pea' Nellie crossed the Rainbow Bridge just shy of turning 16. A loving soul with the most kind and gentle personality, Nellie shared many adventures with her family and friends. She is greatly missed and her memories will be forever in our hearts. Sharon and Gary...we share in your sadness! **Patti & Viive**

**Tucker**

In loving memory of your gentle, handsome Tucker. Julie, he had a Golden life with you. Keep those wonderful memories close to your heart. RIP Tucker! **Patti & Viive**

**Woobie #2214**

Patricia, you gave Woobie the best months of her life, filled with love and end-care. She fought to the end with you at her side. Her big smile will be missed. Run free and painless sweet girl. **Patti**



**Macy #2006**



**Tucker**

**Jack Lewis**

In memory of Jack, the proud grandfather of rescue dogs Wilbur #625 and Mulligan #2019 and non-rescued Mabel. He valued the work of Golden Rescue tremendously and was extremely proud of both Wilbur and Mulligan becoming therapy dogs. Keep doing such great work.

**Ethel Lewis**



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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!

**Event Evaluator**

Golden Rescue is often approached to attend various events throughout the province. They range from small, grassroots opportunities to larger multi-day events. We need a dynamic self-starter who can consider and evaluate these opportunities as they come in and recommend the best ones that meet Golden Rescue's key objectives. Perhaps you have experience with events, media planning or public relations? Duties will include:

- Monitoring and responding to possible opportunities that come in from volunteers and various organizations (via events email address, hotline or social media channels).
- Creation of an evaluation template to assess and recommend the best opportunities.
- Considering multiple factors including our objectives, other events taking place, and the concentration of volunteers in the proposed event area, etc.

**Event Resource Coordinator**

Do you love coordinating details? Is inventory your thing? Do you have some basic or intermediate computer skills? Do you like working from home and chatting with people by phone and/or email? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for someone to organize and maintain the inventory and logistics of our event resources (signs, sandwich board frames, brochures, etc.). To accommodate our events across the province, we have dispersed our event items to 'Area Primes', instead of warehousing everything in one spot. This system has substantially reduced our shipping costs and makes our resources more readily available at a local level. Duties of this role will include:

- Maintaining relationships with our 'Area Primes'
- Tracking inventory movement
- Facilitating the exchange of materials between Primes and Event Volunteers
- Shipping needed resources to Primes on an as-needed basis (including brochures and new inventory)

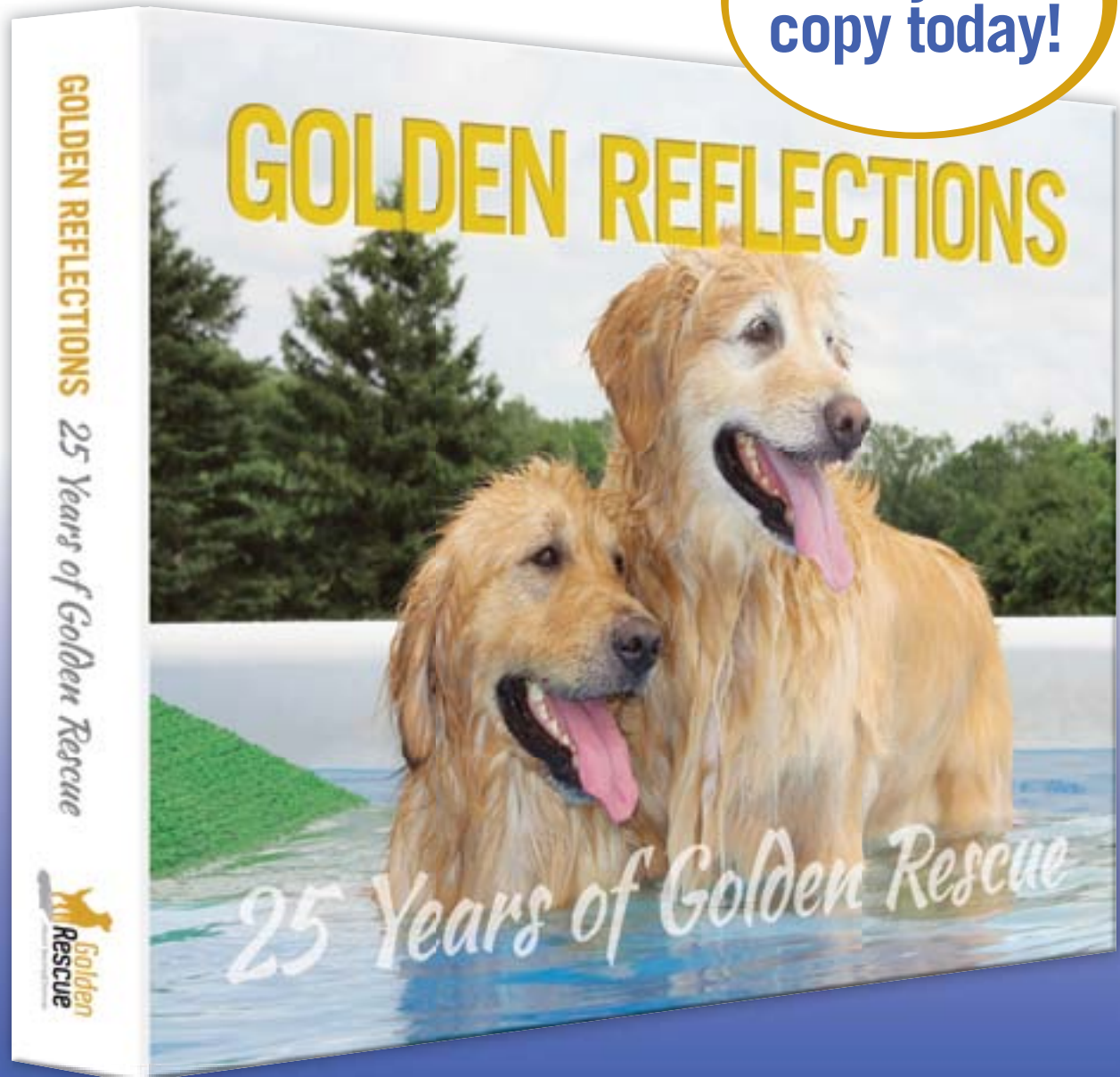
We can't wait to hear from you for either of these roles. Please contact Candace Weel, Co-Director of Events at [clabuick@gmail.com](mailto:clabuick@gmail.com) or [events@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:events@goldenrescue.ca).

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