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The Front Cover

Cooper #2224 ~ Our dear Cooper is doing very well since he became a part of our family. Our lovely boy is now a whopping 26.8 pounds. Apart from a little stomach disorder, which has cleared up, our vet gave him a clean bill of health at his four-month check-up. He is a super star at puppy classes. This is probably because he loves his food so our treat-motivated boy is pretty easy to train. Other attendees at the classes keep commenting on how calm he is for a pup...and he is! He is simply wonderful and we have no doubt he will grow up to be a fine goofy Golden. **Jen & Mark**

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

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



Betty with Shadow #1342 & Kona

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Laddin #2281



Bourbon #2295



Clover #2279



Peaches #2290



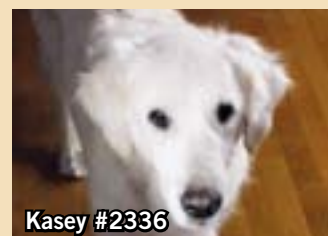
Oakley #2297



Maximus #2300



Tuukka #2319



Kasey #2336

Abby #2270
3.5-year-old female adopted by Kathi & Rob

Andy Devine #2269
7.5-year-old male adopted by Ann & Larry

Ares #2316
2-year-old male adopted by Lori

Asha #2211
11.5-year-old female adopted by Alison & Alexx

Aslyn #2285
4-year-old female adopted by Patricia

Bourbon #2295
1.5-year-old male adopted by Theresa & John

Charlie #2317
2-year-old male adopted by Michelle & David

Charm #2278
3-year-old female adopted by Carol

Kelly #2298 & Clare #2299
5.5-year-old females adopted by Emma & Ken

Clementine #2306
1-year-old female adopted by Anne & Dan

Cleo #2250
9.5-year-old female adopted by Lara & Cam

Clio #2313
1.5-year-old female adopted by Patricia & Melanie

Clover #2279
3-year-old female adopted by Jane & David

Fergus #2280
8.5-year-old male adopted by Karen

Fiona #2264
1.5-year-old female adopted by Cindy & Doug

Frankie #2249
11-month-old female adopted by Julie & Wayne

Ginny #2166
5-year-old female adopted by Julie

Hedy Lamarr #2266
2.5-year-old female adopted by Patti & Robin

Henry #2308
2-year-old male adopted by Jackie & Todd

Jack #2289
2-year-old male adopted by Natalie

Jasmine #2287
2-year-old female adopted by Jenn & Frank

Kasey #2336
12.5-year-old female adopted by Monica & Chris

Kato #2245
11-year-old male adopted by Ryan

Kera #2310
3-year-old female adopted by Helen Elizabeth

Laddin #2281
8-year-old male adopted by Helen & Ellen

Lily #2253
7-year-old female adopted by Cynthia & Sandy

Max #2312
6-year-old male adopted by Betty-Ann & Mike

Maximus #2300
6-year-old male adopted by Candace

Maya #2292
1.5-year-old female adopted by Debra & Will

Misty #2258
5-year-old female adopted by Lois

Nemo #2288
2-year-old male adopted by Alison

Nike #2314
3-year-old female adopted by Sheryl & Frank

Oakley #2297
6-year-old male adopted by Debbie & Dave

Peaches #2290
2-year-old female adopted by Natalie & Adam

Pumpkin #2163
2-year-old male adopted by Jennifer

Roxie #2294
5.5-year-old female adopted by Carol & Randy

Selena #2284
1-year-old female adopted by Sekoiaa & Arthor

Shiah #2247
8-month-old female adopted by Cynthia & Kevin

Sierra #2305
10-year-old female adopted by Dianne & Peter

Simba #2206
1-year-old male adopted by Liz & Barry

Sunshine #2252
8-year-old female adopted by Jane

Tigger #2291
2-year-old male adopted by Deb & Ken

Topanga #2307
1-year-old female adopted by Nicole & Tom

Tucker #2282
2-year-old male adopted by Annie & Kevin

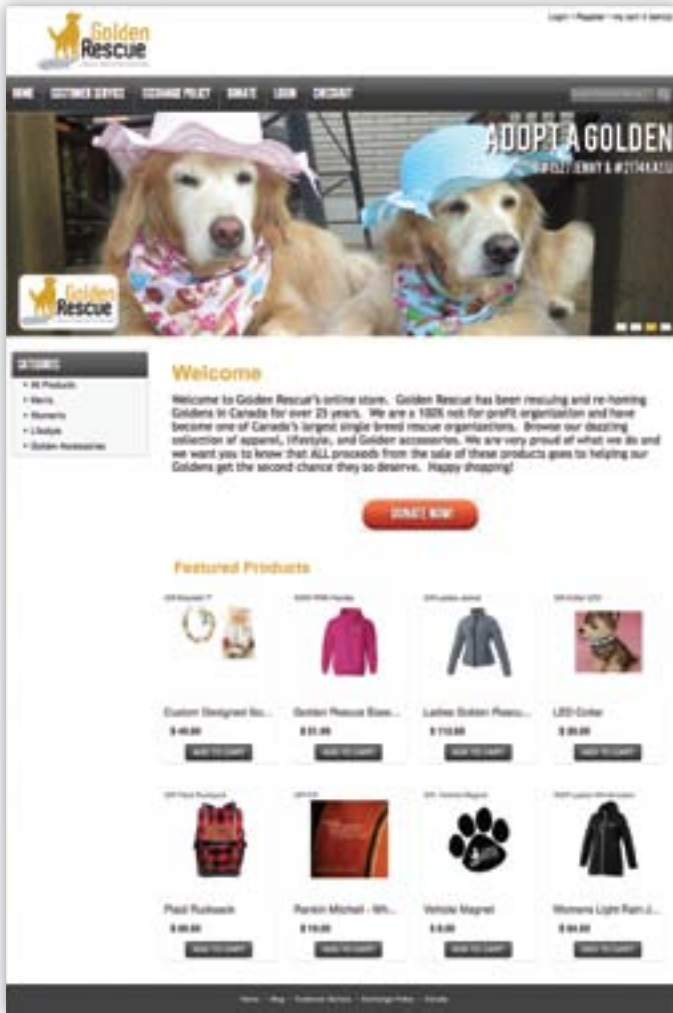
Tuukka #2319
4.5-year-old male adopted by Stephanie & Peter

Wally #2257
7.5-year-old male adopted by Brenda & Steven

Zerrin #2283
2-year-old female adopted by Elaine & Steve

Zeus #2311
3-year-old male adopted by Samantha & Matt





Announcing Swag Online at GoldenRescueStore.ca

Yes! Now you can get the swag you've always loved easier and faster with just a click. Want a hoodie? Click. Want a licence plate holder? Click. It's all available online at our new GoldenRescueStore.ca ~ today!

Our new online store makes it easier than ever to order all of your favourite items online, anytime. Hoodies, calendars, notecards, jackets, bumper stickers, license plate covers, key chains, umbrellas, knapsacks, dog toys, leashes/collars...and so much more ~ are all available on demand to give as gifts ~ for special occasions or just to treat yourself...because you and your Golden are worth it.

Ideas for swag? If we don't carry it and you think we should, let us know at swag@goldenrescue.ca. As always, all proceeds go directly to help our Golden Retrievers, so the more we sell, the more we can help all those Golden Retrievers who need us. Your input will help us expand our store and make it the one-stop-shop for Golden lovers everywhere.

So shop 'til you flop ~ like a Golden after a good run. Try it out and have some fun.

Thank you for your support!



MEET & GREET

Fiona #2264

Fiona has come a long way since we adopted her after her long trip from Istanbul. Her personality is starting to shine through and we are finding she is extremely affectionate, willing to play with other dogs, and simply a joy to have around. She has a funny habit of stamping both front legs when she meets a new dog. She will also rub her butt against any hard surface to tell you she wants you to pet or scratch her. She is a canine hoover at meal times and thinks she is a tiny lap dog when she cuddles on the couch. She still needs some leash training but that will come in time. We are so thrilled to see GR continuing their efforts to save more Golden Retrievers from Istanbul. They are all amazing creatures who deserve a second chance.

Cindy & Doug

Help Us Help Goldens – Consider Volunteering!

Our organization is growing and evolving and moving and shaking ~ like a Golden after a bath! And we're looking for volunteers. Is that you or someone you know? Golden Rescue is run solely by volunteers ~ a wonderfully dedicated group, sharing a common vision to safeguard the wellbeing of every Golden in our care. Our work is hugely rewarding and we would love to hear from you if you would like to help. We currently have vacancies in a number of areas. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these roles, please contact us at teamresources@goldenrescue.ca.

Event Coordinators ~ LCBO Tag Days

- Barrie & Area
- Cottage Country
- Peterborough & area

Golden Rescue sets up a donation station outside of many LCBO outlets in Ontario on specified days in the spring and fall. These are called LCBO Tag Days. Volunteers, with their Goldens, spend a couple of hours in shifts, talking to LCBO shoppers about our organization. Tag Days are our second biggest fundraiser and a huge amount of fun for volunteers, shoppers, and the Goldens! Our team needs three more volunteers to organize LCBO districts. We are looking for dynamic, self-starters who enjoy detail-oriented tasks. Basic to intermediate computer skills, along with knowledge of Google drive, are assets. Your responsibilities will include planning, organizing, and coordinating all aspects leading up to Tag Days, including the application process, promotion, volunteer coverage (in conjunction with a volunteer coordinator), reconciliation of donations, submitting reports, and providing follow-up stories for the Guardian (our quarterly newsletter) and Facebook. We also ask that you participate in at least one shift of the Tag Day in your area. Phase one planning takes place from October through February each year. This includes a fairly complex application process. Phase two planning takes place six to eight weeks before your approved Tag Days. This phase involves coordinating all aspects of the actual Tag Day execution. Don't worry, training and ongoing assistance will be at your fingertips. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours per month

Event Resource Coordinator

If you enjoy coordinating details, tracking inventory, chatting with people by phone and email ~ all from the comfort of your home, then this is a great role for 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 location. This system has substantially reduced our shipping costs and makes our resources more readily available at a local level. Duties would include:

- maintaining relationships with our volunteers known as 'Area Primes'
- tracking inventory movement
- facilitating the exchange of materials to locations as needed
- shipping needed resources to Area Primes on an as needed basis (including brochures, signs, and other inventory)

Estimated time commitment: 5-10 hours per month

Social Media Team

If you are passionate about rescue, work well as part of a team, and have a good understanding of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), we need your time and commitment (5-10+ hours per week during your assigned schedule). You would be responsible for posting and answering questions about the best subject in the world ~ Goldens! **Estimated time commitment:** 10-20 hours per month

Website Manager

Golden Rescue's website manager will be responsible for knowing all the functions of the website platform, with enough understanding to train others. You would be responsible for building a team, delegating content updates to the more static pages of the site, and designing and posting homepage slider graphics. You and your team will also evaluate the website and create new content to keep it fresh, interesting, informative, and fun. You are meticulous, have a technical background with content management systems and HTML, and have an eye for design. Experience with Concrete5 would be an asset. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours per month

Email/Marketing Designer

This is a key role on our communications team as you will be responsible for sourcing and posting content and events to the website and for creating email marketing campaigns. You need to have a technical background with Content Management Systems (Concrete 5 an asset) and HTML and an eye for design. Experience in web design, content sourcing, and email marketing (Mailchimp) are definite assets. The volunteer who is currently in this role will be

leaving at the end of the year so we have lots of time for training, transition, and ongoing support. **Estimated time commitment:** 15-20 hours per month

Volunteer Coordinator Team Leader (Backup)

The VCTL coordinates a group of approximately 10 dedicated volunteers whose primary role is to ensure that each Golden Rescue event is staffed to achieve our goal of raising awareness and collecting donations. In addition, the team is responsible for welcoming new volunteers and directing them based on areas of interest, and managing high school student volunteers. Responsibilities will include:

- ensuring team members fulfill their responsibilities capably
- assigning Volunteer Coordinators to events based on individual needs
- planning eblast and rebblast dates according to annual schedule
- analysing feedback from volunteers at events to improve our processes
- working closely with Event Coordinators and other teams
- recruiting and ensuring proper training and mentoring of team members
- ensuring the team's work processes are documented and current
- assisting the team with technical/ technological issues

We are looking for a highly organized, continuous-improvement oriented individual who also has excellent communication and technical skills. 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 but you need to be friendly, 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 March and the end of the year.

Do you think you can help us help Goldens? They're counting on you...and so are we.

**THANK YOU
for coming to
our rescue...**





MEET & GREET

Jake #2169

Jake (aka Murphy) came to us nine months ago and he is now such an important part of our family. He is the household comedian and makes us laugh every day. In the beginning, there were some challenges; however, this wonderful boy has settled down and settled in beautifully. He loves his walks and swimming at the cottage. He even gets along with our cat who can easily put him in his place when necessary. We are so happy we adopted Jake and thank GR for all the great work you do!

Bonnie & Gary



MEET & GREET

Shiah #2247

Shiah settled into our home, family, and hearts instantly. This healthy, energetic girl, having recovered from extensive leg surgery, is like the bionic Golden. She can run, jump, and play as well as any dog in the neighbourhood. She is friendly and affectionate with everyone and her trainer kindly calls her 'exuberant'. She is learning to focus better amid life's exciting distractions and is learning not to jump up on everyone she meets. She is even learning to walk nicely on her leash. Shiah and our family cat have come to an understanding and they can now even share a couch or chair together ~ too cute indeed. We are truly, madly, and deeply in love with our beautiful girl and we are so happy and grateful to GR for letting us adopt sweet Shiah ~ thank you so much!

Cynthia & Kevin

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"Welcome to Canada!"

Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love.

They depart to teach us about loss.

A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart.

Max's First Grooming

by Christine McKeogh

Today was a very emotionally jam-packed day for me. It is a story I need to share. I got a phone call at 9 p.m. last night from a lady named Betty-Ann. She and her husband had just picked up their new family member from the airport. His new name is Max (#2312) and they found him through Golden Rescue and Max came from Istanbul. Volunteers went over to Istanbul where there were hundreds of Golden Retrievers in need of a home. Unbeknownst to me, in Turkey they have a no-kill policy in their shelters and when they are full, they release the healthy and spayed/neutered dogs into the wild to fend for themselves. Max came in on the 5th flight of Goldens and arrived after a long 18-hour flight with nine others (they can only fly 10 per flight). His flight of Goldens were named after Greek gods so originally he was named Poseidon. He is over-weight, covered in open

sores and bite marks, and has patches of fur missing from his last few years on the street. The rescue group believe he is about six years old. I spoke with his owners for a while on the phone and learned as much as I could about him and agreed to take on the challenge of grooming him for the first time ever. When he arrived to see me, he was very friendly and wagged his tail. I did not want to shave him but under the circumstances and with his raw skin and sores, I decided that a shave-down was best to allow his skin to breathe and heal. He was nervous and it took me treats to get him to be okay on my table. Three shampoos later, a great conditioning treatment, a blow dry, and a good teeth brushing later, Max was much calmer and had decided to trust me as he realized I wasn't going to harm him. From start to finish he took me 3.5 hours. I went slow and introduced him to the process of grooming. Once he was finished and his owners were called, I sat with him feeding him his new diet kibble from my hands. He had stopped panting and was now prancing around with his tail wagging. He came over to me, sat in front of me and I leaned into him and hugged him and in return I got a kiss on my cheek. His owner was SO thankful she had tears



in her eyes. I assured her that he will be a wonderful addition to her family because, in my opinion, all he wants is love. I took pictures before and after and even during his groom to document his amazing story. It truly warms my heart that there are people out there like Betty-Ann and her family who would take a risk with these rescue dogs to give them the life they deserve. Working with Max struck something in me. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience!

Meet & Greet – Ruby #2327

When the Goldens came into the cargo bay at Pearson Airport, we saw that the first crate had an absolutely gorgeous girl peering out. We said, "Look how beautiful she is, wouldn't it be great if she was ours?" Lo and behold, she was. Ruby is a joy. For us, it was love at first sight and we're pretty sure the feeling was mutual. Ruby has settled into our home so well and loves looking for rabbits, playing with her frisbee, and wading in the stream at the conservation area. She is calm and affectionate and adjusts to whatever we throw at her. She loves her uncle Niko (a 100-pound German Shepherd) and loves her play time with him. She is smart, affectionate, and willing to learn. We could not be happier with our dear Ruby. Thank you GR for bringing this beautiful girl from Istanbul into our lives.

Cynthia & Rene



Meet & Greet – Max #2312

Dear Golden Rescue folks:

At first I was distrustful of your intentions...crate...plane... English...foreign surroundings...Martingale collar...groomer...vet)! But after 72 hours, I kinda started to understand your plan and I love it! WOW!!! Thank you so much with deep gratitude! Love, Maximus from Istanbul...but you can call me Max.

Max

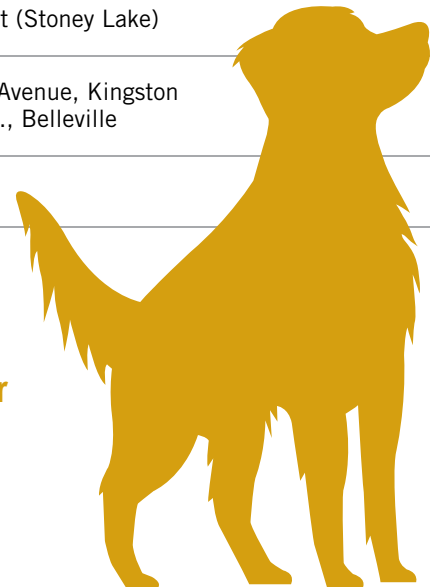


WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

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

Dates	Event Name	Event Time	Location
Saturday, June 4th	LCBO Tag Days	11am-5pm 11am-5pm	615 Scottsdale Avenue, Guelph 115 King Street South, Waterloo 200 Franklin Blvd., Cambridge
Saturday, June 11th	LCBO Tag Days	11am-5pm	2344 Highway #2, Bowmanville 400 Gibb Street, Oshawa 1899 Brock Road, Pickering
Thursday, June 23rd	Golden Rescue Annual General Meeting	7pm	Verity ~ The Library 111D Queen Street East, Toronto
Saturday, August 13th and/or Sunday, August 14th	Woofa~Roo Pet Fest	10am-6pm	Amherstburg (Windsor area)
Saturday, August 27th	LCBO Tag Days	11am-5pm	155 Edward Street, Gravenhurst 125 Muskoka Rd 118 West, Bracebridge 115 Medora Street, Port Carling 3132 Hwy #169, Bala 8409 County Road 169, Washago (just north of Orillia)
Saturday, August 27th and/or Sunday August 28th	Bark-in-the-Park	10am-4pm	Garnet B. Rickard Rec Complex (Bowmanville)
Saturday, September 10th	LCBO Tag Days	11am-5pm	737 Golf Links Road, Ancaster (Hamilton) 879 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough 400 Lansdowne Street East, Peterborough 449 Kent Street West, Lindsay
Sunday, September 11th	Yorkville Run (Toronto)	9am	Yorkville
Saturday, September 17	Golden Rescue Annual Picnic	10am-4pm	Viamede Resort (Stoney Lake)
Saturday, September 24th	LCBO Tag Days	11am-5pm	1089 Midland Avenue, Kingston 190A Bell Blvd., Belleville
December weekends	The Pickering Markets	Pickering	

**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.**



Let's Rock Rescue in the Yorkville Run (Walk)

Please join me and sign up today!

Well, howdy! My name is Owens and I'm the Captain of Team Golden ~ a fantastic group of humans and fur-friends who have signed up to run or walk to raise funds for Golden Rescue.

What's Team Golden? I'm glad you asked. Golden Rescue has been invited by the organizers of Toronto's exclusive YORKVILLE RUN to participate in its 7th annual charity fundraising event and we hopped on this magnificent opportunity like a typical Golden on a chew toy!

Somehow I was selected as the team captain ~ I think because I'm cute (plus I'm named after a great runner...Jessie Owens) and now I'm asking you to join my team because it will be a super fun day and a great way to raise funds for all of my pals in Canada and Istanbul who count on us for a second chance!

The event is a 5km run/walk and Golden Rescue is the only charity devoted to animal welfare that has ever been invited to participate. We're so lucky!

Each participant gets a very cool swag bag full of goodies (I hope it includes some Benny Bullys) and a Golden Rescue t-shirt and, get this, lunch served by humans in white gloves ~ sounds kinda fancy for a Golden, but I'll go with it...

Now check out these facts and stats and let's Rock Rescue together!

Date: Sunday, September 11th

Time: 9:30 ~ 1:30

Distance: 5km through the Yorkville area, downtown Toronto

Participants on Team Golden (so far): 33...c'mon, join us!

Funds raised to date: \$8,000 A-MAZ-ING! Our goal is \$30,000 and I know we can do it!

Entry Fee: \$100 per participant ~ goes toward general event administration

Personal Fundraising Page: Each participant will have his/her own personal fundraising page so friends and family can easily sponsor you

Benefits: Raise funds, have fun, increase GR awareness, acquire more supporters, tell our story, get moving, show off your Golden, meet new people, establish an annual tradition, have fun ~ oops, said it twice!

Golden Rescue Booth: Come and meet me at the finish line at our booth ~ belly rubs welcome. I'll be the one cheering ~ ahem ~ barking you on!

Please join Team Golden today ~ it's so easy to sign up and you can bring your Golden fur-walker or any other friendly dog with you to the event!

Write to communications@goldenrescue.ca to tell me you want to be on Team Golden. I'll write back to you, because I'm so clever, confirming your participation and you'll get updates as we get closer to the event.

Then register on the Yorkville Run website ~ this is how you'll raise funds:

Go to yorkvillerun.com and scroll down the page until you get to the Golden Rescue profile.

Click on the box that says 'Register and Fundraise for Golden Rescue' ~ it will take you to the registration form.

IMPORTANT: On the registration form, tick the box that says I AM FUNDRAISING AS PART OF A TEAM and populate with:

Name: TEAM GOLDEN

CODE: Furkids (case sensitive)

And that's it ~ you're on Team Golden.

Oh, and by the way, if you can't walk or be at the event, then please sponsor one of the runners ~ like me for instance! Just go to yorkvillerun.com/sponsor-a-runner/ and enter my name: Owens Fantastic Golden

On behalf of all the Golden's who rely on you for their safety and well-being and a chance to be loved by a new forever family, I say, thank you for walking for 'Gold'. See you in September!

Hugs and Snuggles, Owens #2358



yorkvillerun.com



Meet & Greet – Nemo #2288

It is hard to imagine my life before Nemo. I am sooo happy I adopted him. He, of course, is the most handsome boy around! He loves his walks and he's getting pretty good with his commands. He is going to obedience classes mostly to get better socialized with other dogs but I have no doubt he will get 100% on his test. I love him so much. Thank you very much for 'Finding Nemo'.

Alison



Meet & Greet – Levi #2192

My dear Levi is 80 pounds of pure joy. He is the best boy I have ever had and he has changed my life. It is hard to believe when I lost my husband and our other retriever last May that I would ever feel the way I feel today and this is all because of my handsome, loving boy Levi. I thank GR from the bottom of my heart.

Kim



PAPER OR PAPERLESS

Is it time to tap, swipe or click for 'The Guardian'?

Would you like to have your copy of The Guardian delivered electronically to your computer or preferred mobile device? Just think, with just a tap, a swipe or a click, you could be reading the latest news about everything Golden.

The possibility of offering an e-Guardian is in its 'puppy' stage right now and we wanted to ask you, our loyal supporters and Guardian subscribers, what you think about this idea. We recognize that there may be many of you who would prefer a paper copy, but we would also like to offer a paperless choice ~ a convenient way to read The Guardian anywhere, anytime from any device.

What do you think? Paper or paperless? Please write to board@goldenrescue.ca and tell us what you think.

Oliver #2017 says 'Save the trees...for us Golden!'"



Moose #1206

TRANSPORTING OUR PRECIOUS CARGO OF 'GOLD'

Oxford Dictionary definition: 'take or carry (people or goods) from one place to another by means of a vehicle, aircraft or ship'.

Golden Rescue definition: "Sure, when do you need me?" "I can do the whole trip, no problem."

The Adventures of Transportation

by Barbara Hakner

To ensure we gave a gleaming representation of Golden Rescue, John diligently washed our minivan the day before the requested Golden transportation.

So off we went the following day armed with directions from the south (as it turned out, an important fact). The written directions did indicate that the destination was on a dirt road and to ignore the 'Road Closed' sign. Recognizing that the GPS needed the county location for our rural destination rather than the mailing address made us particularly blase. So following our trusty GPS instructions, we set forth to arrive within a few kilometers of our goal. Coming from the north we headed south down a dirt road with a closed road sign, only to be thwarted by a concrete barrier part way. As we were in the hollow of a valley, the continuing road was in plain sight beyond the barrier. Never mind, we turned around and checked the GPS to find an alternate route to attack the problem from the west. Another dirt road, another road closed sign culminating in a dead end by two houses, again with the view of the road continuation across the valley.

Ever the intrepid adventurers, we thought "no problem", that is obviously the road we need over there, so let's attack from the east. GPS 'recalculating' yet again, we found the eastern route which surprise-surprise lead to a dirt road with a road closed sign. Seen these before and not daunted, we continued down the dirt road which quickly became nothing more than a very muddy rutted track. Now our written directions did say to go down a hill, so over the top we went to discover an even muddier and more rutted downhill track. At the

bottom, yes you guessed it, a concrete barrier but on one side there was an opening, unfortunately it was filled with water quite wide and who knows how deep. John (who usually drives a Jeep) momentarily considered trying a possible crossing. The navigator had more sense, so we cautiously turned around and slowly climbed back up the hill slip sliding in the mud. After many a spinning wheel, mud tossing and a few brief encounters with branches, we made it back to civilization and a paved road.

This left the southern route, which we found by the judicious use of many left hand turns until we arrived at the point about three kilometers to destination. We then obeyed the given instructions to 'drive slowly' on the dirt road and 'yes', we ignored the 'road closed' sign to drive (gently) down the hill to, lo and behold, turn into the destination driveway just before the valley bottom.

And yes, across the way we could see the road(s) we had recently travelled. It's never dull volunteering for Golden Rescue.

You will be happy to know that despite our travails, the minivan was (as usual) the best choice. The Golden jumped into the van after me, settled on the back seat for a cuddle and away we went onto a new life.

The van had the illusion of surviving an off-road rally, but it is forecast to rain next week, so will be clean again.

TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS ROCK!!!



GOLDEN RESCUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 23rd ~ 7 pm

Verity ~ The Library ~ 111D Queen Street East, Toronto
(between Church & Jarvis)

Everyone welcome...refreshments will be served

Please RSVP: board@goldenrescue.ca

MEET & GREET

Scooby #2108

Scooby is a lovely, gentle, friendly, sweetheart of a girl. She loves visiting my 101-year-old father at his long-term care residence where she is a hit with my dad's fellow companions. She sits and gives and receives affection without being asked and is not spooked by walkers or wheelchairs. She brightens up everyone's lives and brings me joy every moment. Scooby is the best!

Brigitte



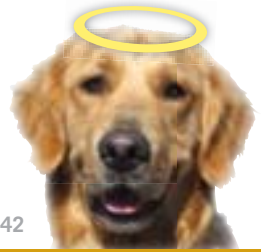
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“...And the artist caught her smile just as she found her forever home by a lake!”

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

Nancy Beatty

After hearing about GR from a friend in 2010, Nancy went on the GR website and got to know the how, who, and what of Golden Rescue. Shortly after, Nancy adopted Ryley #1387. In 2011, she adopted Jenny #1527 and last year adopted Kassi #2174. These were Nancy's first Golden Retrievers and she fell in love with this gentle breed and became a true Golden Retriever believer. Since then, Nancy has thrown herself into volunteering and has been part of the follow-up team, treasury team, Wishbone Lottery team and has helped with Tag Days, The Pickering Markets, and the picnic. Nancy has become a valued and loved volunteer and we are so happy she visited our website and fell in love with our goofy Golden Retrievers.



Nancy with Jenny and Kassi

Michelle Thompson

Michelle's sons always wanted a Golden but Michelle was unsure they were ready for that kind of responsibility. One day a friend told her about fostering for GR and this seemed like the perfect 'test'. Since then, Michelle and her family have fostered eight Golden Retrievers and they adopted Dexter #1801, who is a wonderful role model for all their fosters. Michelle loves to volunteer for GR and we are so happy to have her. Apart from fostering, Michelle does home visits, transports, helps with the lottery, Tag Days, and The Pickering Markets, and was one of the volunteers greeting the second group of Golden Retrievers from Istanbul. Michelle, a special education teacher, says it is an amazing feeling to play a part in the transition process, seeing Golden Retrievers unite with their forever families. She says that although there are always tears when one of her treasured fosters leaves, she knows there will be another who needs them. Thank you and your family for all you do! We are so lucky to have you on our team!



Michelle with Shawn, Stephen, Allan & Dexter #1801

Christine Tomaselli

Christine has loved Golden Retrievers her whole life. From Jake to Josie to Ella Blu, Christine has a long history with our beloved Golden Retrievers. She has wanted to volunteer for GR for many years but her work, that took her out of the country, made this impossible. When she was ready, she jumped in with both feet and started with the hotline team, eventually becoming its team lead. She has also sold lottery tickets, worked on Tag Days, and was one of the greeters at the airport welcoming the Istanbul Golden Retrievers. Christine's PR background and talented writing skills have been valuable in writing video scripts, eblasts, webposts, Guardian articles, and social media postings. Most recently Christine has been the key organizer of the Yorkville Run project. This has been a big job but Christine can't wait to meet everyone, human and canine, who has signed up for this prestigious event. Christine has said that working with GR has given her a wonderful sense of purpose. GR is so happy to hear that as we feel so fortunate to have Christine in our corner.



Christine with Ella

MEET & GREET – Duke #2026

Duke came into our family 18 months ago at eight years of age. He is now 10 and doing well. He fit in instantly with our now 11-year-old Tara. Our two seniors still enjoy playing albeit their play-time is a bit shorter these days. Duke has an amazing, charming personality and loves greeting all who come to our home. He has a special hello for our 11-year-old son, which is sort of a wooo...woooo..woooo ~ very distinctive and exclusively meant for him. Duke has an amazing knack of telling time and can remind us it's dinner time within the minute. Duke had to lose a few pounds when he first came to us so his treats are often frozen green beans, an apple or a carrot, which is totally fine with Duke. His weight loss resulting in less stress on his joints has made him even more playful. Every morning when he greets us with a chin on the bed, we are so grateful for this wonderful boy we had the privilege to adopt into our family.

Liz & family



MEET & GREET – Topanga #2307

Hi! My name is Topanga although I arrived here as Athena. I came all the way to my new home from Istanbul. Topanga was a name of a girl on a TV show that my family liked so they really wanted me to have it too! My mom and dad say it suits me because I am really goofy. It was a really long flight to Canada. My mom, dad, and sister were waiting for me at the airport and I got to ride in their car to my new home. I live here now with my new family where I have two brothers, a sister, and a cat brother. Bates, the cat, was kind of scared of me at first but now he knows I won't hurt him and we are becoming best friends. I chewed up a few things I shouldn't have when I got here but I was kind of anxious when they left me alone for a while. My mom and dad are always telling me what a good girl I am, so I guess they weren't too mad. My parents take me for long walks and I get to see lots of wildlife, like squirrels, geese, and deer (boy, they are big!). I am walking really well on my leash. I love to run, jump, and play around in my backyard with balls and there are so many sticks! I have learned sit, stay, down, off, and drop it (that one they use when I take the cat toys). I am always happy and greet visitors with a wagging tail. I like to meet new dogs when I go for walks. Everyone has been really nice to me here in Canada, which is now my home country. I am so happy that Golden Rescue got me on that plane!

Topanga

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What did the Golden say to the tree?

BARK!

What did the Golden say to the sandpaper?

RUFF!

MEET & GREET **Teddy #2216**



I hadn't had a furry family member for many years and then I met Teddy. I saw him on the GR website and somehow fell instantly in love ~ it truly was a meant-to-be. Dear Teddy isn't a purebred Golden ~ he has some Collie in him; however, he is 'mostly Golden'. When I picked up this big, handsome boy, he slept in my truck all the way during our five-hour drive. He was a happy boy when he first arrived at our house and was fascinated by our cat who is now Teddy's best friend. The only thing Teddy loves more than our cat is empty toilet paper rolls which he rips up with great fervor. Oh well it could be worse ~ it could have been the furniture! I am so lucky to have found Teddy and can't imagine my life without him.

Shelley

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Golden Retriever Colour Range Chart





Jesse James #741 & Echo

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We need Golden pictures for future newsletters, our 2017 calendar or for our website and marketing materials.

Here are some photo tips:

- Make sure your digital camera is set to highest settings (largest photo size)
- Phone cameras don't take the best photos for print
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Molly #1232

Miss Molly's soft handmade diapers did not stop her from being a beautiful happy girl, who loved cottage life and all the special needs attention her mom gave her. Hold her wonderful memories close to your heart Eliz! She was a special girl and will be sadly missed. **Patti & Viive**

Moose #1206

In memory of my wonderful boy, Moose. Thank you for the beautiful memories we shared. I know that Daddy was eagerly waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge with a hug and kiss.

"Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears

But laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you

I loved you so – twas Heaven here with you. (Isla Paschel Richardson)

Not a day goes by that I don't think of you both together once again. Rest in peace my sweet boy. **Judy**

Trooper #804

Our dear boy, Trooper, crossed the Rainbow Bridge on March 17th. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love. It was our privilege to be his forever family. We are very grateful to have had almost nine years with such a loyal, loving dog. Trooper's hobbies included swimming, obsessive compulsive retrieving, greeting people at the door, stealing shoes, picking up his toys (often several at one time), trail walks, standing on the dock watching fish swim by (occasionally jumping in to try to catch one), and barking at animals on the television. With his tail constantly wagging, his spirit delighted us and captured our hearts. Thank you Golden Rescue for making sure he got a second chance. He was certainly worth it. He lived to be 14.5 and it was his arthritis and neurological malfunctions that left him immobile. We hope his sweet soul is romping again with his rescue brother, Happy #656. We will treasure his memory forever.

Dale & Katherine

Bailey #1838

In loving memory of our sweet Bailey. **Michelle Fuerst & David Watt**

Benji

Thank you for being the most loyal, loving companion for our family. You were our first rescue and you are the one that started our love of Golden Retrievers. We miss you so much sweet boy, and hope you are running free of pain and thunderstorms. Take care of Jitterbug, big brother. **Eric, Lisa, Elsie & Charlie**

Bloo #2175

Bloo had the best time swimming, hiking, and playing ball. His mom and dad said, "Bloo's goofy joie de vivre brought them much happiness in sad times. Your big smiling face will be missed by all. Thank you Jennifer and Jamie for taking such good care of this sweetie. **Patti & Harry Matheis**

Caesar #2254

Caesar had the best loving retirement home

at the Dell Inn. We will miss the daily funny stories about him and his foster brother. RIP handsome old man ~ you were loved. **Patti & Harry Matheis**

Dakota

In memory of Dakota...taken before her time for sure but never to be forgotten. You have my heartfelt sympathy Nancy, Bruce & Helen. **Tim**

Laya #2145

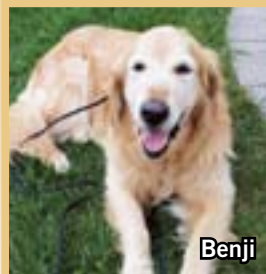
The most beautiful, loving Golden bride ever. Your precious sweet face will always be in our hearts and sadly missed. **Patti & Harry Matheis**

Laya #2145

The three hooligans lost their girlie-girl. Calm, goofy Laya was taken from her wonderful family at too young an age. She was sweetness personified and will be missed and fondly remembered by many. **Viive & Iain**



Bailey #1838



Benji



Layla #2145



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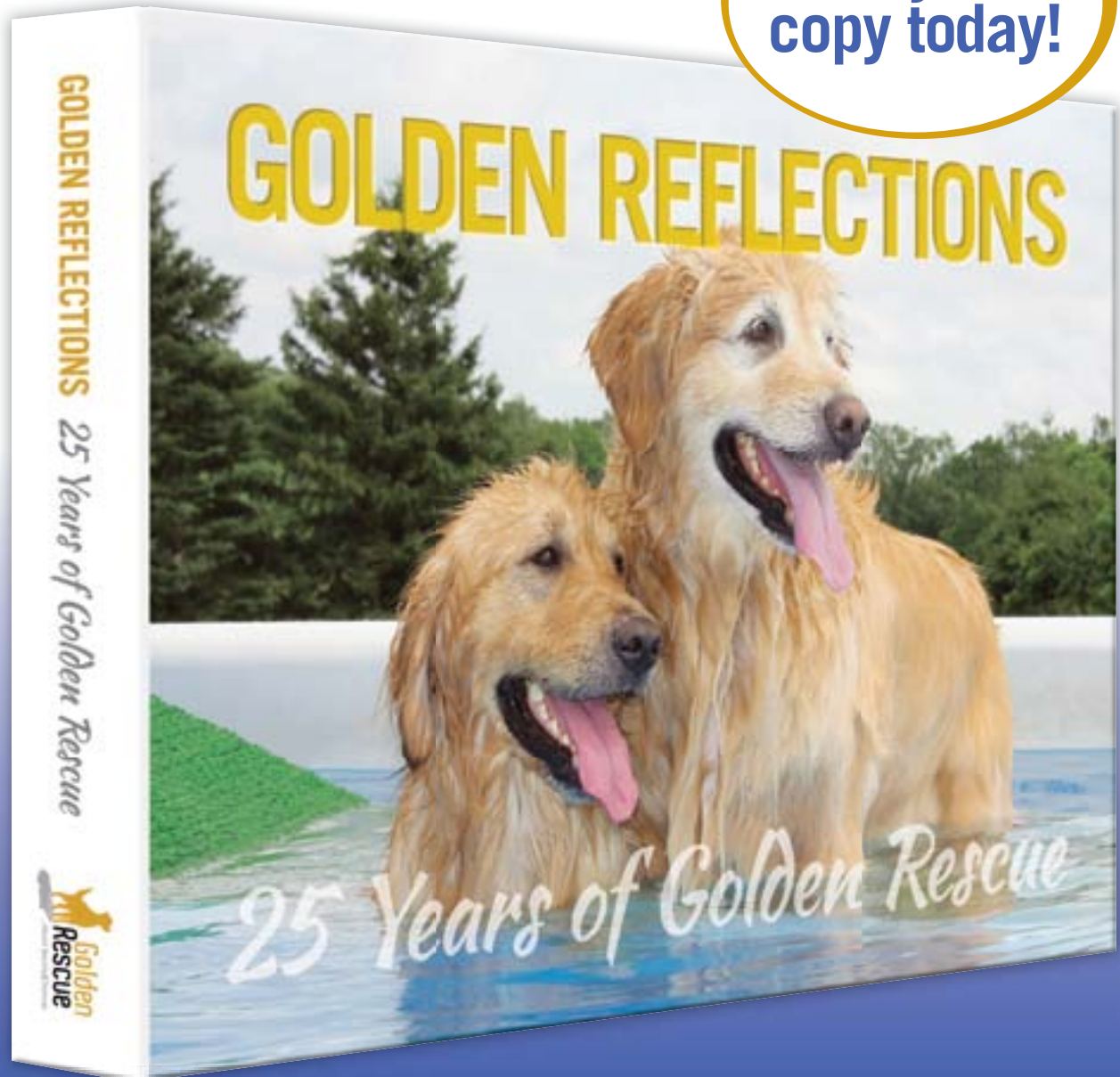
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