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MEET & GREET – Shelby #2347

Thanks for asking me how I'm doing. Jane is writing this while I dictate because I'm still not reliable on the keyboard. I just rest my face across it and I never know what I'm going to write. Jane and Hilary are really nice to me. They give me different food and I am very happy about that. It is healthy and wheat free. Sometimes I sleep with them on the floor beside their bed and sometimes I sleep in my own bed in the living room. I like having choices and I like that they leave it up to me. At their condo in the city, I have met a lot of people and dogs. Everyone seems to like me and people just arrive at the door with presents for me. One nice lady down the hall brought me people crackers (haha). I liked the joke because I've seen people eat animal crackers. There is a policeman, a postman, and a fireman to choose from. Another friend in the building brought me a blue stuffed elephant named Ellie and I really love her. She squeaks when I pick her up and toss her around. I also have a stuffed hedgehog that squeaks too. Jane and Hilary look after several other dogs in the building sometimes. At first I was jealous because I thought they were all mine, but now I see that they just have lots of love for my species and I know I am their special one because the others leave, but I always stay. They took me to church on Sunday. I didn't really know what it was all about, but

the minister introduced me to everyone and then there was a point in the service when people exchanged a sign of peace. They were going around shaking each others' hands so I lifted a paw whenever anyone came to me. They all seemed to think that was so clever. Boy, people are easy to please! And guess what? I have a cottage on a lake ~ I am so lucky. I get to go in the water and chase sticks and run off-leash up and down hills (not to boast or anything, but wow am I ever fast!). There are other dogs up there to play with too including two other Golden retrievers named Duncan and Riley. And it seems I have aunts and uncles and cousins I never knew I had. I have two Golden retriever cousins in Bracebridge which is near our cottage. One is Mina and she's just one and the other is more mature like me. She is Georgia and she is six. Everyone in Bracebridge seemed to love me too. I have a secret! Uncle Jim and Auntie Pat, my fosters, told Jane and Hilary that I never get up on furniture. I heard them say that. Well, just for fun and because they said I don't, I did! They have such a nice leather couch and it is cool and comfy ~ I just had to try it out. I didn't get in trouble and Jane and Hilary just laughed at me. I think I might be able to get away with quite a lot. But then again, I really am a sweet girl and I like to please people, so I'll probably behave pretty well (most of the time). I had a bladder infection, but they've been giving me a little piece of cheese after dinner each night and that seems to have worked wonders. I am a lot better. I wonder what's in the cheese. So I just want you to know that I am really happy and I like my new home(s) a lot. I know I am a lucky girl. Jane and Hilary say they are lucky girls too. Isn't that a nice coincidence?

Love, Shelby #2347





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Snowy #2170 ~ You would think that a Golden named Snowy would love the winter. Well, as it turns out, Snowy loves all the seasons and finds lots to do and explore in the backyard regardless of the time of year. Fall is for jumping in the piles of leaves that her dad just raked. Winter is for chasing her Golden sister Jenny through the snow. Spring is for digging holes in the backyard (oh, and that goes for summer too). Summer is for boating and Snowy loves her boat rides. A few weeks ago, we had to take the boat out of the water as not only was the water level getting too low but repairs were required. Obviously, Snowy doesn't care whether the boat is in or out of the water ~ she just wants to be in it! **Cheryl-Anne & John**

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Betty with Shadow #1342 & Kona

MEET & GREET**Toby #2185**

Toby is our seven-year-old miracle boy. His early life was less than perfect leaving him with some confidence issues. This was our first older dog and, as sure as my family was when the call came to adopt Toby, I was a little uncertain. It didn't take long, however, for Toby to win my heart and when I met him at his amazing foster family's home, I could see how much he was loved. I immediately fell in love. The first few orientation days were a learning experience but Toby settled in quickly and friends and family who came to visit loved him as well and dubbed him with every nickname in the book ~ Toby Bryant, Toblerone, Tobi Wan Kenobi, Tobinator...and boy did he love the attention. Then things changed. Toby's past caught up with him and he started to steal food and drink gallons of water and chewed ice as if he was afraid he would never be able to eat or drink again. It was difficult to watch. We all worked hard, especially Toby, to rid him of his gremlins and we had training sessions, lots of hugs, lots of ice from the magic fridge door, two water bowls filled all the time, lots of swims and leash training and soon things improved. It melted my heart. All was well until just before Christmas, Toby became disoriented, couldn't manage the stairs, wouldn't eat, and just stared at the wall. We rushed him to our vet and on Christmas Day, after many tests, we discovered it was a neurological disorder likely caused by a focal seizure, but his blood work for a seven-year-old was sterling. Soon after, Toby bounced back and has been amazing ever since. We have learned so much about life and rescue having this wonderful, loving, complicated boy in our home and our journey together has been a true blessed experience.

Trish**WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY****Willow #2255****Jack #2296****Ruby #2327****Lincoln #2251****Cotton #2355****Abby #2328**

3-year-old female adopted by Janet

Annie #2304 & Murphy #2303

5.5 year-old female & 6-year-old male adopted by Krista & Dick

Atlas #2326

3-year-old male adopted by Patti & Harry

Bailey #2383

9-year-old female adopted by Lynda & Ron

Bailey #2378

4-year-old male adopted by Elizabeth & Peter

Baloo #2389

2.5-year-old male adopted by Patricia & Robert

Beckham #2357

6-year-old male adopted by Gayle & Richard

Bluee #2325

6-year-old male adopted by Wilailuck & Terrance

Brandy #2397

8-month-old female adopted by Peigi & Dan

Brook #2384

6-year-old male adopted by Annie & Kevin

Cassie #2344 & Xena #2345

9-year-old & 6-year-old females adopted by Maizie & Greg

Charlie #2320

9-month-old male adopted by Karen & Paul

Clementine #2338

9-year-old female adopted by Deborah & Wayne

Cody #2341

4-year-old male adopted by Susan

Colby #2374

4-year-old male adopted by Andrea & Daryl

Cooper #2385

6-year-old male adopted by Janice

Cotton #2355

4-year-old female adopted by Lynne & David

Dakota #2343

3-year-old male adopted by Phil

Enya #2390

1.5-year-old female adopted by Andrea & Paul

Faith #2330

4-year-old female adopted by Barbara

Faith #2370

2-year-old female adopted by Shelley & Kevin

Ginger #2417

1-year-old female adopted by Jennifer & Jamie

Griffin #2375 & Tucker #2376

14-year-old & 13-year-old males adopted by Debbie & Brad

Happy #2273

3.5-year-old male adopted by Hyacinth & Raj

Honey #2350

2.5-year-old female adopted by Lynn & George

Jack #2296

2-year-old male adopted by Terry & Bob

Jasmine #2346

1.5-year-old female adopted by Danielle & Jon

Jaxon #2392

8-month-old male adopted by Tanith & Phillip

Jewel #2396

8-month-old female adopted by Kim & Grant

Katarina #2353

3.5-year-old female adopted by Jean & Bill



Casey #2362 & Alli #2363

The experience of seeing these beautiful Golden Retrievers arrive on Flight #9 on June 1st at the Toronto Airport was heart wrenching. We cried from the moment we arrived. All 10 Golden Retrievers were so peaceful, having traveled halfway around the world and finally meeting their new families. It is amazing how well behaved the pups were. We truly believe they realized they were being rescued and would now have a warm secure home with lots of love. We were so blessed to adopt two ~ Alli (Maggy #2363) and Casey (Palas #2362) ~ they are truly bonded and never take their eyes off each other. They have settled so well in their new home in Nova Scotia ~ it's like they have always lived with us. We were pleasantly surprised that they were house-trained and very well behaved. They love their toys ~ we're not sure they've ever had a squeaky toy before (they now have a toy box full to the brim). They each take their plush Barney to bed. Everywhere we go, people ask about them and we explain how we were so fortunate to adopt them and about the fantastic work Golden Rescue does. These two beauties have brought so much joy to our home ~ we are one big happy family. Their coats have filled out, they have gained weight, and Alli now has a Golden tail. They just love to be brushed and hugged. We believe they think they are lap dogs and we love every minute of it. Alli, who was very sick shortly after she arrived, has done a complete turnaround. She wants to eat every day now and just chows down ~ no more hand feeding. Casey is so laid back...he will sit when you tell him and give a paw ~ he is a fast learner. Alli was so coddled when she was sick so we really didn't try to train her. Her favourite thing is to give you a hug. Thank you so much again for choosing us to adopt these gorgeous pups ~ you have no idea how happy you have made us.

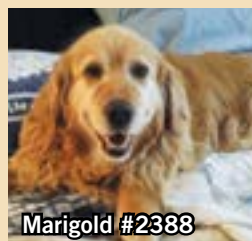
Carol & Ray



Faith #2370



Odin #2373 & Nessa #2372



Marigold #2388



Ginger #2417

Leo #2334

2-year-old male adopted by Marie & Al

Lincoln #2251

9-month-old male adopted by Virginia & David

Lucky #2360

1-year-old male adopted by Kristina & Jim

Marigold #2388

3.5-year-old female adopted by Alayne

Max #2322

8-month-old male adopted by Martha & David

Merlin #2286

1-year-old male adopted by Kelly

Molly #2309

1.5-year-old female adopted by Susan & Bruce

Moose #2324

2-year-old male adopted by Lori & Greg

Nessa #2372 & Odin #2373

4.5-year-old female & male adopted by Mary & Paul

Owen #2358

2.5-year-old male adopted by Danielle & Colin

Ozzy #2393

8-month-old male adopted by Jackie & Jonathan

Pele #2367

4-year-old male adopted by Wendy & Allan

Piper #2398

2.5-year-old female adopted by Michelle & Steve

Ren #2333

2-year-old male adopted by Laura & Todd

Rosie #2342

6 year-old female adopted by Lynn

Rosie #2366

2-year-old female adopted by Abigail & Thomas

Ruby #2327

1.5-year-old female adopted by Cynthia & Rene

Rusty #2364

2-year-old male adopted by Betty & John

Sadie #2335

2.5-year-old female adopted by Patricia & John

Sage #2331

3-year-old female adopted by Patricia & David

Sammi #2404

7.5-year-old female adopted by Karen & Roy

Sasha #2321

5.5-year-old female adopted by Claire & James

Shelby #2347

10 year-old female adopted by Jane & Hilary

Sonja #2371

2-year-old female adopted by Mary & Ian

Sultan #2293

10-month-old male adopted by Sandie & Duncan

Tâlih #2351

2-year-old female adopted by Liz & Bill

Tango #2318

2-year-old male adopted by Maggie & John

Toffee #2359

7.5-year-old male adopted by Robert

Tucker #2377

2-year-old male adopted by Lisa-Marie & Shawn

Usher #2391

7-year-old male adopted by Jenna & Dave

Willow #2255

8-week-old female adopted by Danielle & Tim

Wylie #2329

2-year-old male adopted by Wendy

A 'Tail' of Two Golden

Tucker #2282 & Brook #2384

'It was the best of times and the worst of times'...to steal the first sentence from Dickens' famous novel. The best of times began at the Toronto International Airport. Everyone was beyond excited to receive the first 10 Istanbul Golden Retrievers arriving in Toronto but no one more than Annie. When the crates were opened and Hansel (soon to be named Tucker) came out, Annie wrapped her arms around him and cried happy tears ~ now famous tears that were shown on news and social media channels.

The worst of times began later when it was realized Tucker had one problem and it was a big one. Tucker did not like being in the car, especially long car rides. Annie and Kevin's cottage is a 3.5 hour drive and this caused such severe stress to Tucker that Annie and Kevin felt it was in Tucker's best interest for him to be with a family who did not travel long distances. This was an excruciating decision and the ultimate sacrifice.

The decision was made easier when Lisa-Marie and Shawn welcomed Tucker into their hearts and home after losing their 11-year-old Golden girl. They were still grieving for her but it was thought that perhaps Tucker would help fill the void. They live on a hobby farm with horses so they stay pretty close to home, a key requirement for Tucker. Lisa-Marie said that from the time they brought Tucker home, he behaved like he owned the place. He quickly took over the couch and had a nap. About an hour after they had him home, they took him out to the back yard. Within a few seconds of Shawn saying, "Hold onto him to Lisa-Marie", she was airborne!!! Tucker had seen one of their barn cats and went for the chase. He dragged her nine feet head-first into an ash tree. It could not have been a pine tree to soften the landing ~ no of course not. She suffered a concussion and a rotator cuff tear that still gives her agony today. Having said all of that, Tucker has fit right into their family and has stolen their hearts! There is lots of training to be done to get him to ignore the cats, birds, rabbits, etc. but they are making daily progress. Lisa Marie and Shawn are so grateful to Annie, his first Canadian mom, who loved Tucker enough to let him go.

So now Annie needed a Golden to fill the huge emptiness left by Tucker's departure. Enter Brook, a calm gentle boy according to his behaviour evaluation...and he loves being in a car. After Annie read his bio, she thought this is exactly what she and her other furkid, Tyler, needed. Her husband had just left to go on a peace keeping mission for one year in Europe and Annie thought that Brook would be the perfect companion to fill the void of Tucker and her husband's absence. She was right.

On the ride to his new home, Brook and Tyler took their respective spots in the cargo area of the SUV. It's like they knew exactly what to do instinctively. Brook had found his home.

After Tucker was gone, it was as though Brook knew Annie was having a hard time and he put his head on her lap as if to say, "It's okay mommy, I am here to comfort you."

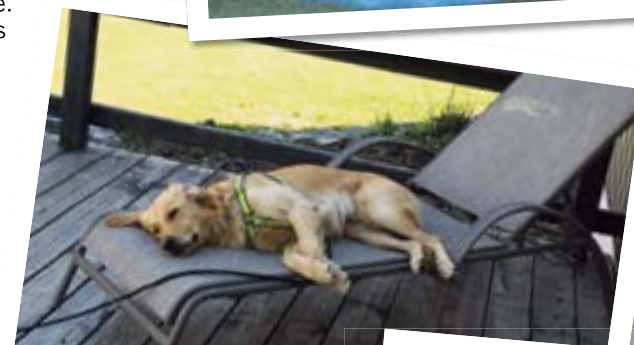
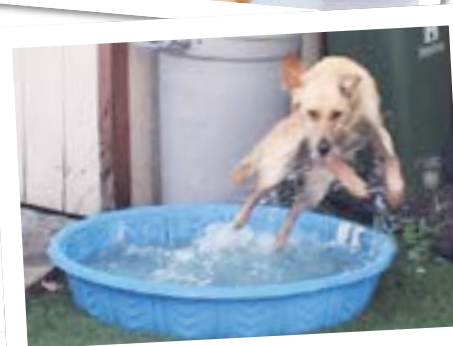
So now the big test...the long car ride to the cottage. So off they went, Tyler, Brook, Annie's mother-in-law, and Annie. The drive was awesome! Not only did Tyler sleep the whole way (along with her mother-in-law), Brook just lay down on his side of the dog bed quietly, looking at Annie once in a while inquisitively. Brook took to the cottage right away.

On the second day at the cottage, Annie took Tyler and Brook for a walk on their 48 acres. He was like a puppy running back and forth with a big smile on his face. During this walk, Brook saw what he thought was a stick but it moved! Annie realized what that was and let out a scream that only a scared girl can do!!! So Brook decided to investigate this moving stick a little further ~ BAD MISTAKE!!!

Next thing Annie heard was the rattling and saw Brook jump into the air. Brook had been bitten by a rattlesnake!!! This was the first rattlesnake Annie had ever seen and her new boy found it. What a 'Welcome to the Cottage' that was! But worry not, after treatment Brook was on the mend and is fine.

Brook and Annie are starting to bond and get comfortable with each other's lives and once Kevin comes back from his mission, he will have to fight Brook for his side of the bed.

Annie is so happy to have Brook in her life and also to have known Tucker. She is very grateful to GR for our efforts in getting this 'Tail of Two Golden's' perfect!



Tucker #2282 (top 3 above) & Brook (above & left)

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. Once you have looked through the list, and if you are interested in volunteering for one of these roles, please contact us at teamresources@goldenrescue.ca indicating:

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. **Estimated time commitment:** 5-10 hours per month

Fundraising

We are looking for a few passionate, creative people who want to create an effective and sustainable fundraising strategy. Experience is an asset but not a requirement as you are described as an 'ideas person'. **Estimated time commitment:** 5 hours per month

Wishbone lottery

This is our major fundraiser of the year, with spectacular prizes, generating a lot of interest from our supporters and Golden lovers in general. We raise approximately \$100,000 from ticket sales. Tickets are sold in books of 20 and we need volunteers (especially if you have some sales savvy) to contact people to sell tickets. You would be assigned a list of potential sellers' names to contact (via email or phone), asking if they would be willing to sell tickets. Once sellers confirm their interest, you would send them their tickets and track their progress with follow up calls/emails, answering questions, and sending more tickets as needed. After the lottery's closing date, you would reconcile sales for your group. Ticket sales are going to run from November to August and there is more of a time commitment at the beginning at lottery 'lift off'. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-20 hours at the beginning with periodical follow-ups

Social Media Team Lead

The Social Media Team Lead works closely with the Social Media Team, overseeing all facets of our social media platforms and managing how information is created and delivered. This role works closely with all other Team Leads and the Communications Director to ensure information is current and communicated effectively and in a consistent manner that aligns with Golden Rescue's brand and mandates. The Team Lead coordinates scheduling and is in charge of rolling out 'big picture' campaigns that help educate and raise awareness and funds. This role has a substantial time commitment, so is probably best suited for someone who has a flexible schedule. An understanding of social media is required and a background in rescue is preferable.

Do you think you can help us help Goldens? They're counting on you...and so are we. Please contact teamresources@goldenrescue.ca. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

THANK YOU for coming to our rescue...

MEET & GREET

Tigger #2291

After losing our beautiful Golden, our horse farm felt sad and empty. It took us a while to realize our home wasn't a home without a Golden to love so we reached out to GR in an attempt to fill the void. Some time later when the call came about an available Istanbul Golden, we could not contain our excitement. We met Tigger at the airport for the Mission of Love's Flight #3. Everyone from GR and the airport staff were so kind to us we felt very special indeed. When Tigger came out of his crate, it was an amazing experience. Tigger came home with us that day and met his cat and horse kin. What must have gone through his bewildered, jet-lagged mind is unimaginable but our wonderful trooper,

Tigger, settled in beautifully and bonded with all his new animal and human friends. He loves exploring nature and Canadian wildlife and his walks down to the creek are filled with discovery, where he chases frogs, squirrels, and ducks. We kept his name because when he runs, he has a Tiger-like bounce in his gait. Heartfelt thanks for allowing us the opportunity to adopt our lovely Turkish boy.

Deb & Ken

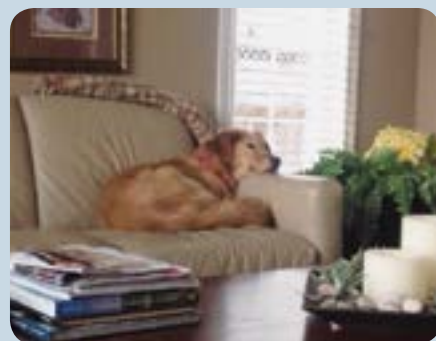


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Sadie #2335

Sadie (who was Blossom) came to us from Istanbul and what a Turkish Delight she is. She is picking up her English commands beautifully and has certainly made herself at home with us and loves Canada. She has discovered the comfort of our TV room couch. The bottom bunk of our grandkids room is her new dog bed. Golden Rescue...thank you so much for the work you do and for bringing Sadie into our hearts and home.

Pat & John





askGoldie

Goldie #654

M@il Retriever

Hello everyone! I know I get asked about all kinds of things but now it's my turn to ask you ~ is time flying by inordinately quickly? I'm 12 years old and it seems to me that time is going by two or three times more quickly than it used to. It seems like summer just started and the kids came home and now it's September and they're off to school again. I thank you for your questions and I hope the answers prove useful. Woof-woof, Goldie.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at board@goldenrescue.ca

Dear Goldie: What is the best the way to treat hot spots? Suz

Dear Suz: Well...my mom says her best hot spots were the Yonge Street clubs in Toronto back in the Ronnie Hawkins days ~ whatever that means. My best hot spots are the dog park and the beach just before I jump in the water. But I suspect you might be talking about that nasty thing we get on our skin every now and then... right? In that case, there are many causes for hot spots including mites, fleas, and allergies but the most common cause in us Goldens is not getting dry enough after swimming particularly around our neck. The best treatment is prevention so drying us, particularly in thick hair areas (i.e neck) could help prevent the problem. This is most common in the summer and I got a topical spray from my vet called Topagen. At the first sign of scratching, check for red, angry, sometimes oozing areas. Clip the hair around the area and spray as directed. It hurts a bit but it is also soothing. It is difficult but try and stop scratching. Severe scratching could require an inflatable non-scratch collar or lamp shade and you know how much we love those things...NOT.

Dear Goldie: Is it normal for Goldens to sleep more during hot weather? Monica

Dear Monica: Yes and no. We Goldens certainly can be more lethargic in the summer so walking in the morning and evening when it is cooler is a good idea. Our darker haired cousins retain more heat than our lighter haired friends. Where possible, swimming is a better exercise than walking in the summer. Hey, I happen to think that swimming is a better exercise all year round, but that's just me. When we're lying down we're not always sleeping. Sometimes

we're just looking for a cool spot, so if you see us digging and then lying down it's just our way to stay cool. Heat is dehydrating so we could be lethargic (wow, big word) if we are dehydrated (even bigger word). We don't sweat. We lose heat from the bottom up so if you are cooling us with water start with our feet and underbelly. It is more valuable than just wetting our head. We still need exercise in the summer but stop the really vigorous stuff in the really hot weather and keep lots of water around. Having said all of that, we are smart and if we need it, just like humans, we will take a siesta in the middle of those 'dog days of summer'. Wow we have a whole season named after us! Just like the word 'silence' was named after us as well in that song 'Silence is Golden'.

Dear Goldie: My three-year-old Golden gets car sick. How can I help him? Christine

Dear Christine: Okay, this is a tough one. I have some friends who get car sick because they are stressed and I have other friends that get car sick because of the actual motion. As in humans, sometimes motion sickness can be due to how we are facing while we travel. For example, some people get sick with their back to the engine. Some Goldens can get sick by sitting sideways looking out the window instead of facing forward. You could try sitting your Golden in the front seat with a seat belt on facing forward (make sure the air bag is off). Also shutting off the air and opening a window to equalize the pressure and letting fresh air can also help. If the nausea is due to stress (i.e. fear of the car) then working on short trips with lots of positive reinforcement and treats (don't forget the treats, please :) could be helpful. In other words, work on ways to change your Golden's attitude

towards the car. This is time consuming but could well be worth it. Personally, I love the car but that's just me. In either event, try travelling with your Golden on an empty stomach, even limit their intake of water (I can't even believe I said that). Your vet or local pet supply store can give you recommendations for car sickness. Either way there is no 100% solution but trying some of the above might be helpful.

Dear Goldie: My Golden is stinky in the summer. How often should I shampoo her? Iain

Dear Iain: I don't get this one. What smell? My mom says most of the time the summer dog smell is due to swimming. Goldens who spend a lot of time in the water will inevitably pick up bacteria in their fur and it will smell of that smell...a smell only a mom or dad could love. The best way to eradicate that smell is shampooing, however too much shampooing can interfere with our natural lanolin and other vital oils. One alternative is to use baking soda or cornstarch on your Golden while their hair is still damp and then brush it out. We all love the brushing part. Towel drying your Golden after every swim will also help. As it relates to how often you should shampoo, try and use restraint but by all means when you can't stand the smell anymore shampoo your Golden. This is my mom's advice...personally I would never shampoo away that delightful fragrance...but hey, that's just me!

Dear Goldie: My Golden came in contact with a toad? Are they poisonous? What should I do? Christine

Dear Christine: Okay, those little critters are dangerous. I learned that the hard way. Many frogs and toads are poisonous to us even



Colby #2374

Sweet Colby has only been with us a short time and already his lackluster coat is starting to shine and he's lost a much-needed five pounds. This wonderful boy is happiest when we get to the cottage ~ he literally vibrates as we get near. He can swim for hours or play chuck-it for hours and when he's not swimming, he's teaching our new pup how to be a happy, well-behaved Golden, like he is. We are so lucky to have Colby as part of our family. It is hard to imagine life without him.

Andrea, Daryl & the boys



Colby #2374 with sister Luna

Check out Colby (aka Mr. March) in the 2017 Calendar!



if we only lick them. Initial symptoms are foaming at the mouth. If you see us eating or licking a frog or see us foaming at the mouth wash our mouth out immediately with a shower nozzle, always from the side of the mouth so you're washing the poison out of the mouth not down the throat. Keep this up for at least five minutes and then wipe out your Golden's mouth with a paper towel. I suggest you go to your vet immediately after. Many times your Golden will vomit out the poison, which is a good thing and will be very dehydrated and in need of water. Even if there seems to be improvement, I would always recommend a visit to your vet as soon as possible.

Dear Goldie: My Golden pants after he eats. Is that normal? Joe

Dear Joe: Our panting is normal. We pant when we exercise. We pant when we are hot. We pant when we are excited. We pant when we are stressed. We don't sweat ~ we pant. However, panting when there is no apparent reason, could be a sign there is something wrong. I would advise you go to your vet as there is no particular reason for a dog to pant after eating unless he is thirsty and there is no water around. Also overweight Golden's pant considerably more than a fit Golden like me. If none of these are the case, a visit to your vet would be a good idea.

Dear Goldie: I hear watermelon is good to hydrate dogs in the summer. Is that true? Jen

Dear Jen: Yes, watermelon is a good way to keep your Golden hydrated as it is over 90% water and we love it. It is also high in vitamins C and A, potassium, and magnesium but believe me that's not why

we love it. However take the seeds out as they are hard for us to digest and under no circumstances give us the rind which could cause real tummy discomfort. Other than that, it's a great healthy snack.

Dear Goldie: Do Golden's need their veggies? What veggies do you recommend? Mary

Dear Mary: Golden's can live very well without their veggies; however, they are a great alternative to unhealthy snacks. By the way, I absolutely love those unhealthy snacks so I'm not saying stop those. I'm just trying to dole out some professional advice here. For example, here are some things I actually like: bananas, carrots, watermelon, apples, pineapple, strawberries, oranges, blueberries. They are excellent treat alternatives for Golden's (make sure you always remove the seeds).

Broccoli, cucumber, potatoes, and celery are also a great addition to their nightly meal making your Golden a true 'meat and potato' boy or girl. Broccoli??? How did that make the list? I call that 'sissy food'. Okay, Goldie try and stay professional. We should avoid grapes, avocado, mushrooms, garlic, and onions as they all can be potentially toxic to us and should be avoided...just like frogs.

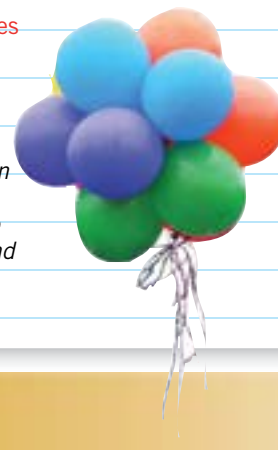
Dear Goldie: I hear we have debit machines now. Isn't that little too fancy for a charitable organization like ours? Cheryl

Dear Cheryl: I had to ask the Board of Directors about this one as I have no idea what a debit machine is. It all started when we realized that less and less people carry cash these days. For example, I don't have any cash on me. There were lots of pros and cons but in the end it was felt that maybe not today but in a year or two, cash will

become even rarer making our fundraising efforts (particularly events and LCBO days) harder and harder as time goes by. So it was decided that we should drag ourselves into the 21st century and make the technology available so that we start to get used to it for when we need it even more. It's what I would call a pioneering move. I was at an LCBO day last month and a man said he'd love to help but he had no cash on him. I barked and then pointed to the debit sign and hey, we got 20 bones.

Dear Goldie: Is Golden Rescue solely run by volunteers? Joan

Dear Joan: Yes, Golden Rescue is run by over 500 dedicated volunteers living mainly throughout Ontario and Quebec with a sprinkling in Manitoba and the Maritimes. There's no staff, no office, and no administrative overhead. Golden Rescue helps lots of Golden's every year and needs to raise around 400,000 bones annually so no Golden who needs them will be left behind. Amazing, eh? Now maybe you can understand why they try new things like debit machines. They need to use every innovation they can think of to help us. Pretty cool stuff!



Happy 12th
BIRTHDAY
Goldie!
(August 29th)

Healing & S



Merlin #2286

Merlin is a puppy with a perpetual smile and purpose to live. He survived not one, but two car accidents in Istanbul and although his mobility was significantly compromised, his spirit most definitely was not. He was chosen to fly to Canada as part of Golden Rescue's Mission of Love where he could receive world-class veterinary care for his badly injured leg.

His story of healing began March 5th when he arrived in Canada on Freedom Flight #3. He was approximately one year old. Immediately upon being released from his travelling crate, he was scooped up into the arms of his forever mom, Kelly, who would play an instrumental role in giving Merlin hope for a second chance at a life filled with love.

Kelly said there was an immediate bond between Merlin and her and from the moment she got him home, he seemed to know he was in a better place and slept soundly, curled in a ball, for hours. The first few days together were spent playing and getting to know each other's habits and needs and it was clear that Merlin would be forever inextricably attached to Kelly ~ seemingly grateful for his new life.

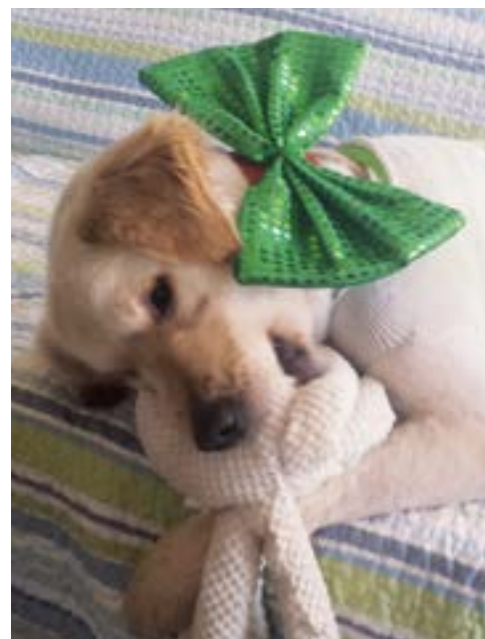
Soon after settling in, Merlin's treatment was about to begin. Upon examination of his x-rays, it was determined that there were issues with both his right foreleg and rear right leg and he also had a ruptured eye, likely caused by the car accident. His right foreleg needed to be amputated and was done so, successfully.

Like most 'tripods', Merlin adjusted to his three-leggedness quickly and Kelly's resourcefulness helped tremendously. (insert Merlin eating ~ pic #4). While his eye has some scarring, it does not cause him any discomfort and he's been very lucky to be able to use it for now.

Merlin has now been in Canada for over six months and in that time has been given a chance to heal and to hope. Kelly explains his life by simply saying, "Oh my, there's more personality in this boy than I could ever have imagined. He keeps me busy and active and most importantly, makes me laugh many times a day".

Without this second chance at a much better life, Merlin would be living on the streets of Istanbul today ~ weak, vulnerable, and defenseless against bigger, more aggressive dogs. In Canada in his new home, he wakes up every morning with that typical Golden attitude toward life ~ that every day is a good day. And then it's time to play with his ball.

Golden Rescue's care costs for Merlin's surgery and medication: \$3,800



To donate to Golden Rescue and help us save more Golden Retrievers like Merlin please donate. Enclosed is a donation form or visit www.goldenrescue.com



Hope



Riley #2421

Riley was only 12 weeks old when he was diagnosed as having an ectopic ureter ~ meaning his ureter and rectum were joined together. Riley's ability to release waste or urine were severely compromised and when he was only three months old, he underwent an intricate surgical procedure to correct his condition.

Surrendering Riley was not an easy decision. His owner had every hope of nurturing this sweet boy, but the surgery he required was going to be costly and more expensive than what she could manage, so Golden Rescue was called and Riley was provided with the veterinary care he needed.

Reconstructive surgery went exceptionally well and the talented veterinary surgeon was able to separate his ureter from his rectum so that Riley would no longer have any discomfort or develop any further complications.

Through this entire ordeal, Riley remained true to his Golden spirit. With a high need to please and a quick learning style, Riley was taught to roll over, for the purposes of tending to his surgical site and to sit and stay ~ remarkable for a wee tyke who had been through so much. With very little effort, Riley also learned quickly that when he was called, there were usually snuggles, treats, and fun stuff that made his recall exercises well worth it!

Golden Rescue is highly fortunate to have a team of dedicated, experienced foster families with niche talents working with Golden Retrievers with special needs. Riley is now living with his foster mom who has extensive experience caring for Golden Retrievers with urinary issues. She will be Riley's Golden Angel while he heals and grows and gets ready for adoption. Riley's loving forever family, still to be determined, will be getting a very special boy indeed. He is resilient and rambunctious ~ in other words, a healthy, happy Golden.

Golden Rescue's care costs for Riley's surgery and medication: \$3,900



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Thank you!

Kathleen Edwards concert

It was a perfect warm summer's evening and the setting was idyllic. Nestled beside a river in Pakenham (near Kanata) is a beautiful property owned by Janet Burns of Dog Dayz Care and Training Inc. Janet graciously opened up her home for a great fundraising event for GR and Ottawa Dog Rescue. The event was an organized concert with Ottawa's own Kathleen Edwards ~ award winning singer-songwriter and one of Canada's treasured daughters. Braeden Foulkes, Sean Byck and Bron Diedrich shared the evening of song with Kathleen. Kathleen is also a GR supporter and adopter of Redd #1989, who she says is the love of her life.

The evening was a big success attracting over 200 people, who enjoyed the music, the barbeque, and the setting. Over \$3,700 was raised for Golden Rescue from ticket sales, the barbeque, the general store, and 50/50 tickets.

Thank you to Cathy Decoste-Whitlock with Istanbul Golden ambassador Quinn #2275, Roxanne & Erin Delmage, Sharon Grace with Golden ambassador Phoenix #1569, Sue Holtom, Suzanne Hurst, Wendy Kennedy, Bea & Rob O'Connell, Elise Tooley, and Eric Wright for coming to help with the bbq, tickets at the gate, parking, 50-50 tickets, and managing our general store. We couldn't have done it without you!

And a HUGE thank you to Janet and Kathleen for having such a great event and a magical evening!

Below: An idyllic setting

Left: Kathleen Edwards mesmerizing the audience

Middle: Sharon Grace with Golden ambassador Phoenix #1569

Right: Kathleen's Golden, Redd #1989 hoping for a hot dog



MEET & GREET



Tâlih #2351

Tâlih is an amazing Istanbul Golden. Her name means luck, fortune, fate or Karma in Turkish ~ a very apt name indeed for a very sweet lucky girl. As lucky as Tâlih is to have found GR and a new safe home in Canada, we are equally as lucky to have her in our family. Even our cats are beginning to think Tâlih is okay and that's saying something. Our chickens on the other hand.... not so much but they don't usually get a vote around here anyway. Of course having only had Tâlih for four weeks, she's not off the leash yet but as she progresses, we'll get an invisible fence and make the chickens invisible at the same time. As John Lennon said, "Instant Karma gonna get you" and Tâlih (Karma) has sure got us.

Liz & Bill



I think there should be an alarm clock sound of a dog puking... nothing gets me up and out of bed faster than the sound of my dog puking.



Fabric of Family

by Jillian Stewart

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!

WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

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

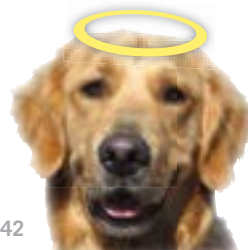
Dates	Event Name	Event Time	Location
Saturday, September 10th	LCBO Tag Days	11am - 5pm	737 Golf Links Road, Ancaster (Hamilton) 879 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough 400 Lansdowne Street East, Peterborough 449 Kent Street West, Lindsay
Sunday, September 11th	Yorkville Run	9am	Yorkville (Toronto)
Saturday, 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
Sunday, October 2nd	The Pinery Antique Flea Market	8am - 4pm	10163 Lakeshore Road, Grand Bend
December weekends	The Pickering Markets	9am - 5pm	1400 Squires Beach Road, Pickering

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



Golden 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

Kelly Blais & Mike Kakuk

Kelly started volunteering for GR in 2005. Not long after that, she adopted a wonderful bonded pair ~ George #682 and Murphy #683. A few years later, Kelly met Mike and this new family became the four musketeers and avid fans and volunteers for Golden Rescue. Mike also caught 'golden fever' and the two have manned our GR booth at events and done transports and home visits. Kelly works incredibly hard as the interim co-team-lead of the social media team. Mike, as co-host of a Windsor morning-drive radio show promotes GR and its cause regularly throughout his community. He has even had our four-legged friends in the studio to promote events and our Istanbul Mission of Love. In 2015, George and Murphy crossed the Rainbow Bridge, a heart wrenching experience for Kelly and Mike. This loss has not curtailed their passion for rescue, in fact, their pain may have encouraged them to do even more in their memory. There is no doubt when the time is right, Kelly and Mike will adopt again but in the meantime this busy couple keep rolling up their sleeves to help. They say that they do what they do out of love and passion for Golden Retrievers and for rescue. Their reward is in the doing and helping, not the recognition. We certainly understand that but we still want to recognize you both as incredibly wonderful volunteers. We are so grateful for your commitment and belief in rescue. Thank you ~ you REALLY do make a difference!



Mike & Kelly (above) George #682 & Murphy #683 (left)

Kevin McLaughlin

Kevin, a great GR advocate and supporter, lost his first Golden to cancer in 2013. Friends told him about GR and he submitted an adoption application, which resulted in Kevin adopting Gubs #1849. Unfortunately, two years later, Gubs crossed the Rainbow Bridge leaving Kevin devastated. Undaunted, Kevin got back on the horse and adopted Istanbul darling Sophie Tucker #2263. Kevin was one of original team that drove to JFK to meet and bring home the Golden Retrievers from our inaugural Istanbul flight. That was the flight Sophie was on. Sophie became Kevin's new shadow and you never see Kevin without Sophie. Ever since then, Kevin and Sophie have greeted every Istanbul flight and over 100 Golden Retrievers. Sophie, our mascot/greeter is so cute at the airport as she orients the new arrivals speaking to them in Turkish woof-woof to make them feel comfortable...and a fine job she does. Apart from his ambassadorship duties at the airport, Kevin is a monthly donor, does transports, home visits, and behavioural evaluations, and sells wishbone lottery tickets. Kevin spent his 65th birthday at the airport with his GR family and he says he wouldn't have had it any other way. Thank you 'Ambassador' McLaughlin... you're the best!



Kevin & Sophie #2263

Jennifer & Jamie Simmonds

Jennifer and Jamie have loved dogs all their life. One day, on a visit to the humane society, their children saw a Golden in her pen with a sign that said "Caution: hyper". She looked so pathetic that they begged their parents to foster her so, with a huge leap of faith, they did. It was the best thing they ever did. Leia was not hyper at all. She was just like all Golden Retrievers, she craved attention and TLC. Leia was so amazing, in fact, that she became a therapy dog and visited seniors' homes, spreading her calm energy and soothing spirit to all she met. Jamie heard about Golden Rescue through a work associate and because of the positive experience they had with Leia, they decided they had the time and inclination to help. They started fostering Golden Retrievers and found it to be a fantastic experience. Recently Jennifer and Jamie adopted Ginger #2147 and she fit in beautifully. Leia and Ginger are the best of sisters. Jennifer and Jamie are very impressed with the GR supporting vets they have met and are constantly impressed at the length GR will go to when there are health issues with their fosters. Jennifer and Jamie also attribute seeing more of their grown-up children since they started fostering as the kids all want to visit their fosters. They have also participated in LCBO days, sold lottery tickets, volunteered at our picnic, and participated in the Yorkville Run. This busy couple always seem to find the time to help GR and we are incredibly grateful.



Jennifer, Jamie, Ginger #2147 & Leia

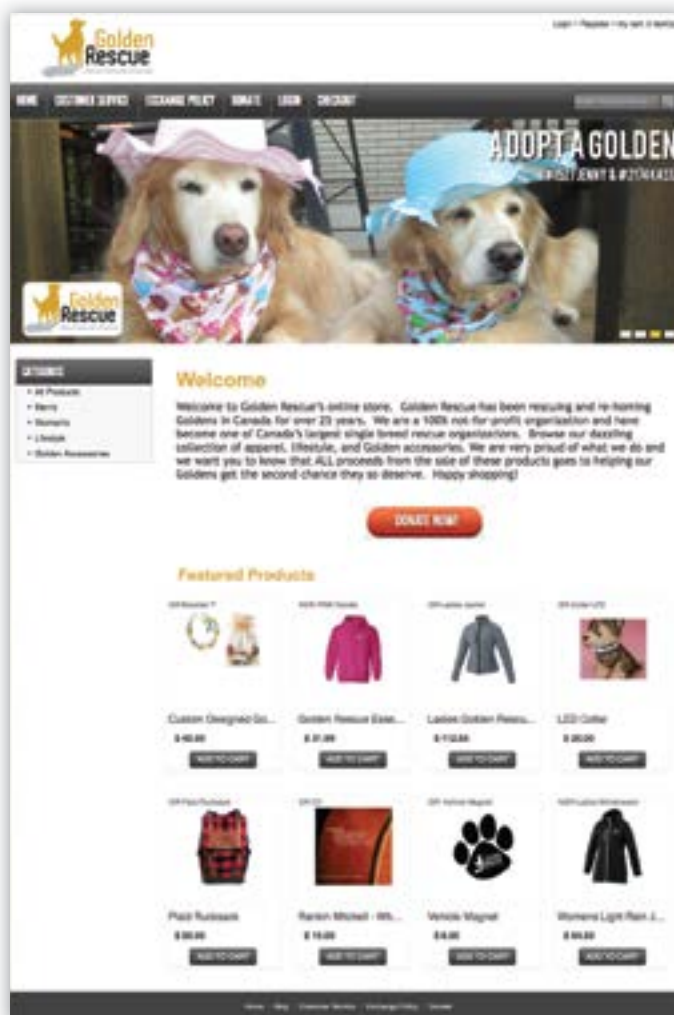
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Why did the poor dog chase his tail? He was trying to make both ends meet.

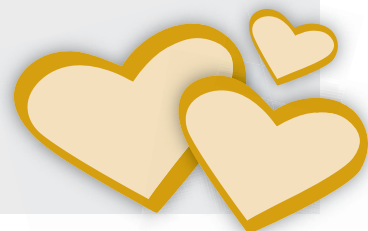


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Mercer #2208

So here is the Mercer Report. Mercer is a quirky, loveable goof, just like his namesake Rick Mercer. He may be a goof but he is the Brad Pitt of Golden Retrievers in the looks department. He is stopped literally every day on his walks when people come over to say what a handsome dude he is. Of course he loves the attention. Perhaps one of his favourite things is sitting on our porch watching the world go by. He is also learning to swim at the cottage with a life jacket. He hasn't quite learned he needs his back legs as well to swim. Oh well...patience...and for Mercer we have plenty of it as Mercer has greatly enriched our lives and brings us joy every day. Thank you GR for finding Mercer and finding us...we are a perfect match!



Meet & Greet

Murphy #2303 & Annie #2304

Murphy and Annie are big hits in our neighbourhood and people stop us every day to say how happy they look. Perhaps it is our 'look' as well as we couldn't be happier guardians of this terrific couple. People ask about their story constantly and we must pass along the GR website address once a day. Murphy is great outdoorsman while Annie is much happier inside. She looks to Murphy for approval when they are outside when Annie encounters something new. It's as if she's saying: "Is it okay Murph?" which is totally adorable to watch. As cautious as she can be at times, she'll swat Murphy on the head and steal his ball or stick so she's not exactly a shrinking violet. Murphy doesn't mind the swats ~ he is so calm and patient around her. Annie, although not as outgoing as Murphy, loves mental stimulation and is very smart and easy to train. We could gush about this wonderful pair all day long as we love them so much. Adopting them is the best thing we ever did.

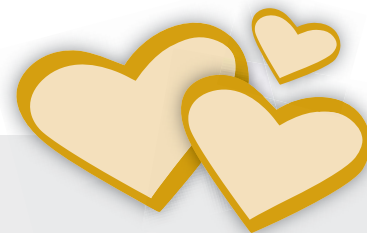


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Krista, Dick & Grace



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Meet & Greet

Sasha #2321

From the moment we met Sasha after our eight hour drive to Ottawa, we fell in love. We knew instinctively she would be a perfect fit for our family. After meeting her wonderful caring foster mom, we also knew Sasha had been in good loving hands. We call her our 'Little Lady' as she has such a sweet, calm, loving personality. She gives great cuddles, gentle kisses, and always looks directly into our eyes when we are sitting together. She is friendly to everyone and loves the neighbourhood attention she gets while on our walks. Thank you so much Golden Rescue for making our family complete.

Claire & Jim

Lucky #2360

Our crazy, goofy Lucky should be nicknamed Mickey Mantle. We were at our son's baseball game and Lucky chewed through his leash and joined the game. He ran around the field as he obviously thought being a part of the game would be a lot more fun than watching it. We caught him but not too long later he got away again. This boy obviously was born to play baseball. We chased him around the field and the bases for 15 minutes and the whole place was in hysterics ~ laughing like they were watching a Keystone Kops movie. What a great, funny evening. What a great funny boy.

Kristina & Jim



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GOLDEN SUNSETS

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

Asher #1940

In loving memory of gentle Asher. Gloria, Lizzie, and Howard...our deepest sympathies. Asher had the best years of his life after being thrown out of a vehicle. He was a very blessed boy who really enjoyed his walks, special celebrations, and all the love you gave him. We will miss his adventures. **Patti & Harry**

Booker

In loving memory of Booker! Adrienne, Maya & Jewel, we are so very sad for your loss of Booker. Will miss his love barks on the phone for food, pics of him relaxing in his backyard, and most of all, his happy face. Run free and painless Booker ~ you were a special boy and a great, great foster brother to many. **Patti & Harry**

Emma

A loyal and loving companion to Allan and Coach #1585, Emma was one of the feistiest Golden Retrievers ever, living life to the fullest. She was oh-so-loved and now sadly missed. **Viive**

Kasey #2336

In memory of our sweet Kasey #2336. Thank you for sharing the last few months of your life with us. Although our time together was too short, know that you were loved and cherished every minute. We will miss your happy songs, little barks, and your 'princess prance' on our walks. Run and play now, Kasey Girl, be free. **Love Chris, Monica, Oban #2125 & Georgie #2267**

Kasey #2336

The sweetest girl ever, whose time with Monica, Chris, Oban, and Georgie was way

too short ~ but she had the best life ever with them! She will be missed by many! **Patti & Viive**

Max #1437

Max was bigger than life, which he lived to the fullest with Diane. RIP Max, you will be missed on the shores of Milles Iles. **Suzanne, Iain & Viive**

Tucker #1865

You left far too soon through no fault of yours. I will remember the good times when you were such a goofy dog. You will always be in my heart my big boy. I love you! **Pat**

Wiley (2007-2016)

On Easter weekend 2016, we lost our Golden Wiley to cancer at the all too young age of eight years. This loss deeply impacted our family and we are still grieving. Wiley was a great boy with whom we shared many adventures. He was a great buddy to our fosters Duke #2026 and Kato #2245. Wiley loved getting wet and all matter of mud. If there was any mud to be found in off-leash areas, Wiley was sure to find it. He also loved lounging in the dog fountain at Eglinton Park, usually preventing other dogs from getting access. He also was a master of the great game 'let me grab something of yours and you can chase me'. He was remarkably good at 'keep-away' once he realized that he had something that was important to the owner. His not so good trait was picnic raiding, which he pursued on a few occasions. But those instances turned into the funny stories that we will always remember. Golden Retrievers are a great breed and we really miss having one in our home. But the great memories help! **John**

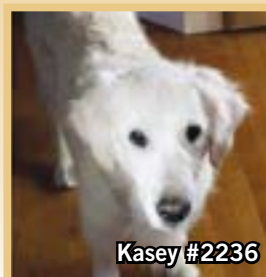
Sasha #368 (January 9, 2012 - July 29, 2016)

Sasha, our dearly loved first Golden rescue, joined her first dad Chuck and fellow rescued Golden Monkey 'over the rainbow'. We do not say goodbye but thank you for 13.5 years of love and companionship. You'll always have a spot beside the bed, at our feet, and in our hearts. We know you'll be waiting to see us again too...til we meet again at the rainbow bridge! Go girl ~ run free again! **Love you dear Sasha. xoxo Gayle, EJ & Mongo**

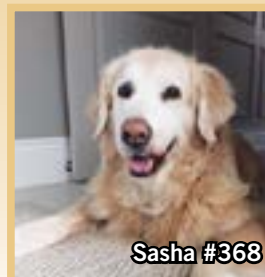
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Emma



Kasey #2236



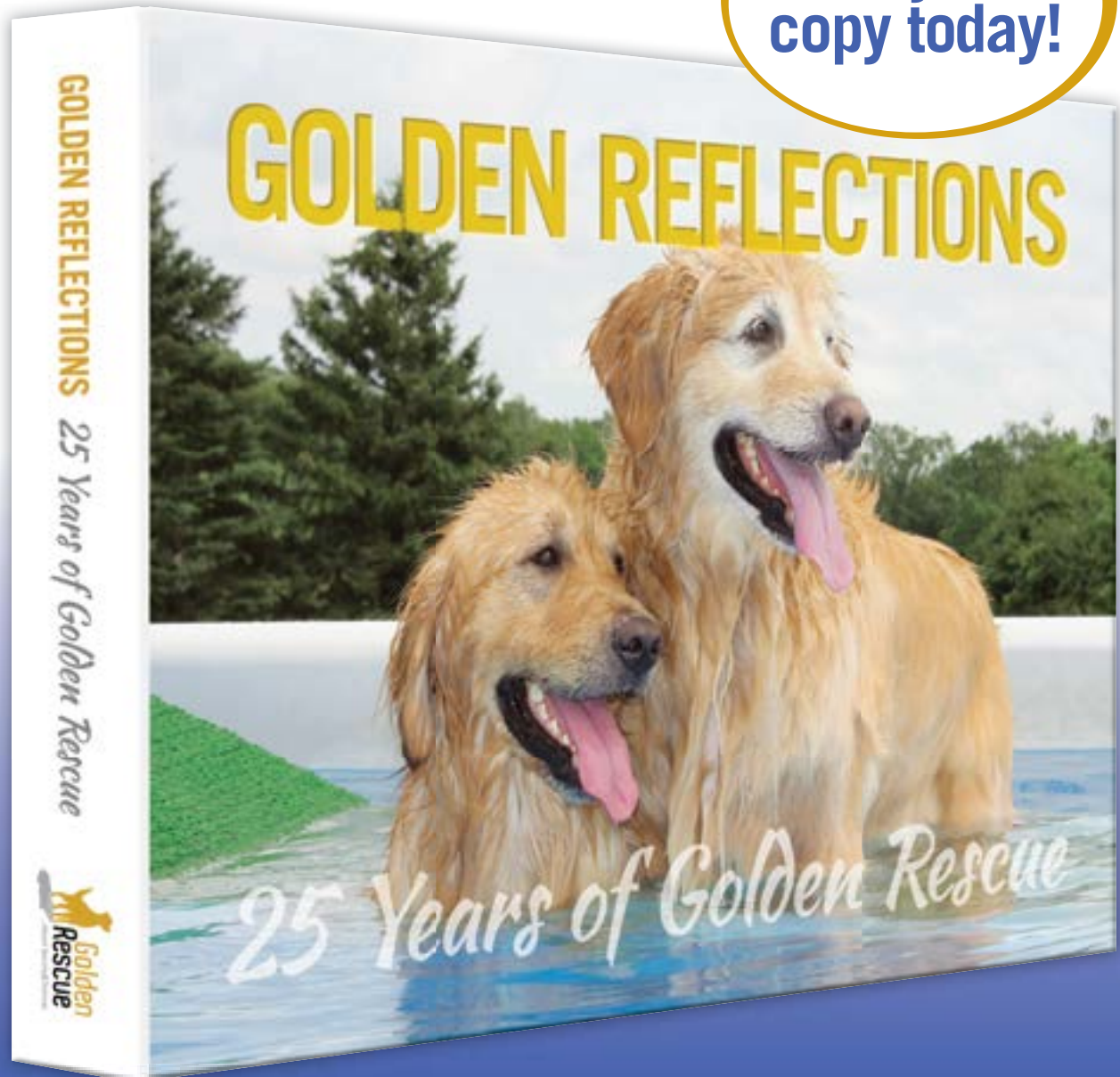
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