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Jacey #2529

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Attention!!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 16th

Come and celebrate all things Golden and let your furkids run free in our picnic playground. Enjoy games galore, best-dressed contest, great food, prizes, spectacular auction items, shopping, photo contest, and just an all-around golden opportunity to laugh and have fun.



Stoney Lake
in the Kawarthas
(near Peterborough)

What's New?

- ◆ **SPONSORSHIPS** ~ see your company or family name in big bold print as one of our valued sponsors. For more information, contact picnic@goldenrescue.ca
- ◆ **Memory Lane** ~ a compilation of your photos of furry loved ones lost to be honoured at an all-new memorial service. Please submit your photos to board@goldenrescue.ca with a donation of \$50
- ◆ **Auction & Raffle** ~ the highlight of our picnic, because of your generosity. To donate to our auction, please contact sa@goldenrescue.ca
- ◆ **Want to RSVP or volunteer?**
Email picnic@goldenrescue.ca



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The Front Cover

Jacey #2529 ~ Jacey is our hockey playing darling, which is amazing since she had no idea what hockey was until she arrived here from Istanbul. She loves Canada and our great Canadian sport and can steal the puck better than Gretsky. When she is not on the ice, she loves car rides, her new siblings Manny and Laila, and cuddling. She spends the rest of her time making our lives full and complete. We could not be happier!
Julie, Kerry, Manny & Leila (and now Jacey)

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We carefully screen all incoming dogs for socially acceptable behaviour and approve those whom we feel we can responsibly rehome. We provide spay/neuter service, micro-chipping, and all the necessary veterinary care required to place them with their forever families.

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

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The Guardian is the result of many people who have generously donated their time, expertise, design, and resources to its production. A great big THANK YOU goes to Betty James for the design and Katherine, Colin, Ian and Cameron McKay for doing the mail-out.

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

GOLDEN RESCUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, June 15th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale

6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga
(just south of Hwy. #401...near the airport)

Everyone welcome!

Please RSVP: board@goldenrescue.ca

Wanted

PICNIC LOCALE FOR 2018+

In an effort to make the Golden Rescue picnic more available for volunteers and supporters, we have pledged to move the picnic every three years. We have been very fortunate in that we've been able to have the picnic at Viamede Resort and Maplelane for the last five years. In 2018, we'd love to move the picnic to a locale more towards Western Ontario. Our criteria is a secure, fenced-in area (about 2 acres), dock diving or a swim area would be nice, plenty of parking, and overnight accommodations in the area. To-date we have been unable to find a suitable location so we're asking for your help. If you know of somewhere we might be able to have the picnic for a few years, please email: board@goldenrescue.ca.

Thank you for your help!



M&G

Comet #2501

Comet, an Istanbul ruff-ugee, has settled into our Canadian family in an amazing way. His new brother, Tyson, and he are the best of friends and the transition from Turkey to Canada could not have been smoother. Comet's personality is fantastic and he just might be the most perfect Golden ever. Of course, we are probably just a little biased.

Alyana & James



M&G

Reese #2519

Reese is the love of our life. This squirrel-obsessed girl is now totally at home with us. As her health improved, this darling Golden started to act like a puppy again...and she is remarkably well behaved for a two-year-old. She is learning how to play and actually had a tug of war game with our daughter's dog the other day ~ wow!!! Thank you GR for sending us our precious forever family member.

Chris & Steve

GOLDEN MOMENTS©



"Aw...come on...what's the rush?"



Kimmy #1988

March In Their Photos!

We need Golden pictures for future newsletters, our 2018 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)
- Some phone cameras don't take the best photos for print
- Please don't make photos smaller to email

Please e-mail photos to photos@goldenrescue.ca

Please make sure you tell us who's who and their rescue numbers.

Buy a commemorative date in the 2018 calendar!

You'll never forget their special day if it's printed in the calendar...

- Happy Birthday Shadow #1342
- In memory of Bailey #1212
- Happy Gotcha Day Jake #424

Buy a date for your loved ones and support Golden in need at the same time! Download an order form online or use the enclosed order form. Order as many as you'd like!

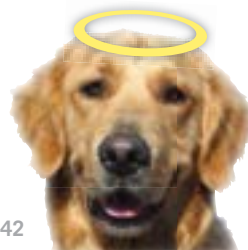
Cost: \$20 per date or \$50 if you'd like a small photo in the same month (limited spaces available so first-come...)

DEADLINE: July 30th (for photo submissions and commemorative dates)



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

Valerie with Sassy & Murphy



Valerie Barker

Valerie has been a dog lover her whole life. Her first contact with a Golden Retriever was with a Lion's sponsored program where she fostered a Golden Retriever pup who was being trained as a guide dog for the CNIB. This amazing pup, Murphy, did really well in the program but he didn't pass all the stringent tests. This was a blessing in disguise as Valerie and her family were given the opportunity to adopt this spectacular boy and it has been a love story ever since for Murphy and Valerie. After Valerie retired as the CFO of a wealth management company, she looked for some volunteer work and her research led her to Golden Rescue. That was five years ago and, since then, Valerie has been a key member of our transport team and is now the transport team's second-in-command. Valerie was also on the first trip to JFK airport in New York to pick up 18 precious Golden Retrievers arriving from Istanbul. Valerie tells us she finds working with GR rewarding and enjoys the people she has met. We are delighted to hear this; however, Golden Rescue is lucky that Valerie's research led her to us ~ we are so grateful to have Valerie at our side.

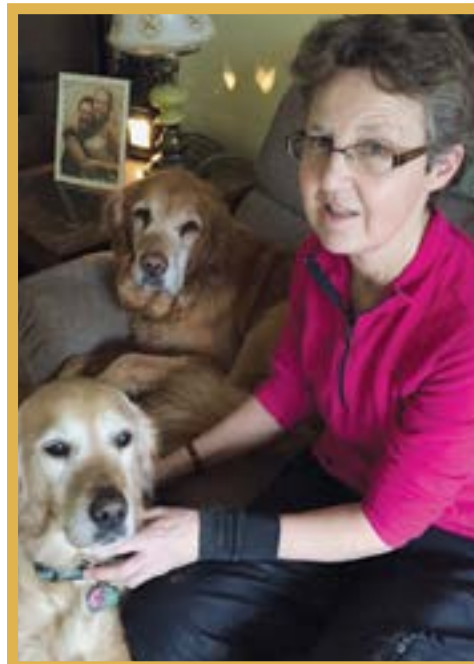
Samantha, Matt, Abbey & Zeus #2311



Samantha & Matt Campbell

Samantha and Matt first learned about Golden Rescue through social media. Their love of Golden Retrievers led them to Golden Rescue and they started to volunteer for us. They help wherever they can including volunteering at LCBO Tag Days and The Pickering Markets. They live with their eight-year-old Golden Abby and started to think that Abby could use a brother and GR was happy to help. Enter Zeus #2311 from Istanbul, who is just a year old ~ now Abby's younger brother. Sam and Matt would like to adopt every Golden who enters our program but since that's not an option, they volunteer as much as possible. Last year, Sam and Matt took on the big responsibility of organizing all the volunteers for the picnic and fortunately for us they are continuing to help with the picnic again this year. We love having Samantha and Matt as part of the GR family.

Pat with Teddy & Aslyn #2285



Pat Kirby

Pat is an animal lover extraordinaire and currently counts three amazing creatures as part of her family ~ a horse named Austin and two Golden Retrievers, Teddy and Aslyn #2285. Aslyn came from Istanbul and she is doing amazingly well and it's as if she has always been a part of the family. Pat has had five other Golden Retrievers in her family over the years including Boomer #252, Miko #308, and Woody #1161. Over the years, Pat has helped GR wherever she can, including volunteering at events and at the golf tournament, selling Wishbone Lottery tickets, and planning and organizing the Pickering Markets booth with great panache. She finds volunteering for GR rewarding and really enjoys giving back and making a difference. Pat has sure made a difference by helping GR since she joined the team and we are so grateful to have her in the GR family.

Thank You ANGELS!



Meet & Greet



Oliver #2127

Our boy, Oliver, came to us when he was two years old and since then our lives have never been the same. His energy, love, and personality drew us in immediately and he has now become an everyday part of our lives. When we got Oliver, he was struggling with food allergies, but we have worked through that together and he couldn't be happier and healthier. We have enjoyed watching him discover new things and become everything that a Golden is supposed to be. Oliver has a way of brightening every day and making us laugh when we need it the most. He has made a permanent mark on our family and in our hearts and we couldn't imagine our lives without him. Oliver would like me to add that some of his new favourite things are: chewing sticks, car rides, running through the bush, all things cottage, and of course treats!

Carly & Cody

Miss Molly #2445

Miss Molly is Miss Sunshine. She might be the happiest 'morning' dog we have ever met. When she gets up, she grabs a toy and runs the length of the house several times wagging her tail with such fervor we worry that she might hurt it. She loves her toys so much that she sometimes falls asleep with a toy in her mouth. Miss Molly loves her sibling Sami and she loves car rides, although she sometimes wrangles her way into the front seat. After a recent tooth extraction, we were worried as the vet took a biopsy of the area but all turned out well. Well done Miss Molly ~ you're the best.

Pam & Floyd



Meet & Greet



Charlie #2520

Charlie is truly our 'wonder boy'. We were touched beyond words to greet him at the airport and our hearts instantly filled with love and sympathy for this sweet boy and the journey that he endured from the other side of the world. We didn't know quite what to expect, but he has exceeded our expectations, considering all that he has been through. From the moment we brought him home, he somehow knew he was safe and was going to be loved forever. He wasn't the least bit phased by our two male cats ~ 'What cats?' was kind of his reaction. Charlie is gentle, sweet, super smart, and we can take him anywhere and he is totally relaxed. He has never chewed anything ~ he just gently carries around his favourite shoe (which is any shoe, actually) and seems content to just have it in his mouth. If we're running quick errands, he waits patiently in the car for us and wags his tail like crazy when he sees us returning. He is wonderful at the dog park and seems to love the freedom of playing with other dogs, off-leash in a large, protected space. Life was a bit tough for us before Charlie came into our lives and we now feel like he has breathed new hope into our home and has given us endless joy. I think he rescued us as much as we rescued him. He makes us laugh and we simply could not be any happier or imagine our lives 'BC' (Before Charlie). He is perfection and I can't believe he is ours and that we got so lucky. He has put on some weight and his fur is starting to get longer. He is so handsome and everyone who meets him just loves him to bits. He knows most of his commands and people are amazed at how well behaved he is. We want to thank you again and again Golden Rescue for making our lives complete.

Mia & Wilf (and Charlie, of course!)

Meet & Greet



askGoldie

Goldie #654

M@il Retriever

Hello everyone! Spring is in the air. We'll still have some snow days I'm sure, so there's still time to make snow angels. Thank you for your continued support of my column. I really hope everyone enjoys reading it as much as I enjoy writing it. Of course, all the ideas come from you...you are my inspiration. If you have any questions about the care of Golden Retrievers or behavioural issues or you want information about Golden Rescue in general, please email me with any question/comment at board@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you so much!

Dear Goldie: Some of my Golden friends wear bright vests when they go for a walk. May I ask why? No-Vest Sammy

Hi Sammy: There are a number of reasons for wearing a neon-coloured reflective vest. It is a great idea to do so if you walk us through forested areas or along trails in the woods as you want to keep us safe. You don't want hunters mistaking us for a deer or other type of prey. Hunters will easily see the neon-coloured fabric. It's better to be safe than sorry...something you humans say all the time, right?

Dear Goldie: I wanted to share this idea with your supporters. When I brush my furkids, I save the fur in a bag and put it into a bird feeder ~ mesh feeder for peanuts (a photo is attached). They come to get the fur to build their nests. The birds LOVE it! Liz



Hi Liz: Now, that's what I call sharing the love. What a great idea!

Dear Goldie: I heard a snippet of news about a Golden who saved his family from a snow-fort that collapsed. Do you know anything about this? Peter R.

Hello Peter: Yes, of course...news travels fast between us Golden Retrievers. A day of outdoor fun turned into a near-fatal experience for three Nova Scotians when their snow fort crashed down around them, trapping them underneath. Enter Zoose, who came to the rescue. Whoever wrote the story, though, doesn't know the difference between a Golden Lab or Retriever...not that it matters...Zoose is a hero, no matter his breed. I've included the link to the story below. And to our wonderful family members...no snow forts, okay?

http://globalnews.ca/news/3260565/wasnt-our-time-3-narrowly-escape-as-snow-fort-collapses-in-n-s/?utm_source=Homegnca-montreal&utm_medium=MostPopular&utm_campaign=2014

Hi Goldie: We're big fans of Golden Rescue and we're thinking of adopting a Golden. We have two cats though. Could you give us some tips on how to integrate them? Kim

Hi Kim: Even if a dog has successfully lived with cats in the past, it is important to remember that each dog and each cat is an individual and therefore each introduction is different. When introducing a dog to a cat, pay attention to the body language of both animals. If the cat's ears are pinned back or his tail is swishing back and forth, this is a good indicator

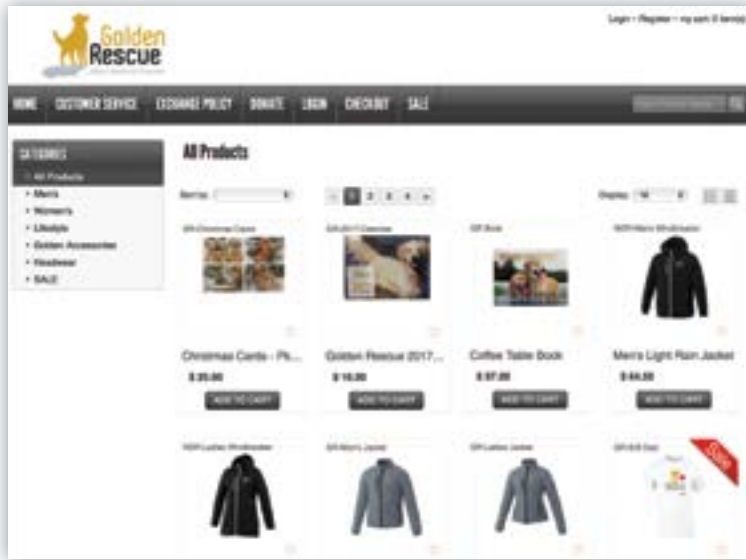
that he is displeased. You particularly want to be aware of dog body language that could potentially be warning signs. If your dog has a strong prey drive (the inclination to seek out, chase, and potentially capture animals seen as prey), he might become very focused on the cat. He'll stiffen, stare, and may start barking or whining. If you see these signs, do not let him near the cat. Ideally, his body language will be loose and relaxed around the cat. It's okay if he pays attention to the cat, but you don't want to see him fixated on him. Allow both animals to be in the same room but keep your Golden securely leashed. Continue with this type of introduction until the dog is calm and ignores the cat and the cat is calm, eating, and using the litter box normally. Some dogs do fine living with cats; others simply cannot live safely with felines. You should ask if the Golden you're considering adopting is good with cats. If the foster family doesn't know, I don't think you should take the risk.

Dear Goldie: My mom goes for a massage once a week and she seems to love them. Is there such a thing as doggy massage? Jealous Bailey

Dear Bailey: Your mom isn't the only one who can benefit from a trip to the spa. We can too! Many believe that a doggy massage can help to provide strengthened immunity, increased circulation, stress relief, and improved digestion. So, schedule an appointment with your nearest animal massage therapist today to give your pup a well-deserved break after a hard day at the park. And tell them Goldie sent you!

The FABULOUS Golden Rescue Store is open for business...

so buy...buy...buy and support...support...support!



The GR store is chock full of quality logoed merchandise which not only helps our fundraising efforts but, perhaps more importantly, helps to raise awareness of the organization. T-shirts, jackets, hoodies, rain jackets, windbreakers, all in a variety of colors and sizes, have the GR logo, helping us get our message out there. Other items like fridge magnets, bumper stickers, and licence plate holders also help tell our story.

Of course the store also has our stunning coffee table book 'Golden Reflections', high-quality notecards, plus a number of other gift items perfect for a birthday or special occasion for either your two or four-legged friends. The site is easy to navigate and your order is processed immediately.

And, if you have any merchandise suggestions, please email swag@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you!

Happy shopping!

Notecards

www.goldenrescuestore.ca



Coffee Table Book



Help Us Help Goldens – Consider Volunteering!

Golden Rescue is growing and evolving...moving and shaking ~ like a Golden after a bath and we're looking for volunteers! Might that be you? We run solely with volunteers ~ a wonderfully dedicated group sharing a common vision to safeguard the well-being of every Golden in our care. Our work is hugely rewarding and we would love to hear from you. We currently have needs in a number of areas:

CASUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Events

Bring your Golden or just yourself and help out at one of our many events throughout the year ~ all with the double goal of raising funds and building awareness for Golden Rescue. The events are fun and everyone, and we mean everyone, loves to talk to our volunteers about our sweet Goldens. **Estimated time commitment:** totally dependent upon your time and availability

Transport

Particularly for Eastern Ontario & Quebec

Transport help is always needed to move our Goldens from their past to their future new lives. To do this, volunteer drivers travel the province picking up our precious cargo from their previous homes, shelters, vet offices, etc. and driving them to their foster homes. **Estimated time commitment:** At your discretion but usually 1-3 hours

Home Visits

Potential foster or adopting families require a home visit where you would engage in conversation and give us your perspective of an adopter or foster.

Estimated time commitment: Totally dependent upon your time and availability

TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Database Team

If you have a passion for Goldens and computers, we would love for you to join our database team. You will be responsible for data entry in Salesforce, so knowledge of Salesforce would be a definite asset. **Estimated time commitment:** 2-4 hours a week

Education/Advocacy Team

We want to help elementary and secondary school students learn about the benefits of rescue, specifically Golden Rescue, and all that we do to give our precious Goldens a second chance at a better life. In order to make inroads into schools, we are looking for retired educators who can 'knock on the principal's door' or tap into school board and teacher networks to help schedule Golden Rescue presentations. **Estimated time commitment:** 10 hours per month

Foster Families

Fostering a Golden and helping him/her through a transitional phase is an incredibly rewarding experience because you're the first step in their new life. We particularly need foster families who are willing to take Goldens with medical or behavioural issues, families without any other dogs or cats in-house, and families who are willing to foster a pair. If you are interested, please fill out a foster application online at www.goldenrescue.ca.

Social Media Graphic Designers

We are looking for Graphic Designers to help with the creation of content for our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, etc.) If you like being part of a team and have a good understanding of social media, basic design practices, and basic Photoshop and/or Illustrator software knowledge, we would love to hear from you! You will create aesthetically pleasing content that will be branded, informative, and engaging. **Estimated time commitment:** 20 hours/month

Volunteer Coordinators

We can't have any events without volunteers so your role would be to schedule and

coordinate volunteers ~ two and four legged. This can be done from your home office and involves mostly emailing. You will be provided with tools, training, and support. You need to be highly organized, have great communication skills, and be able to think creatively and propose innovative ways to solve solutions. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours per event

Yorkville Run Administrative Help

Our first year at this event proved to be a HUGE success. We raised over \$30,000 for our precious Goldens and have an even loftier goal this year. We are looking for volunteers to help with the organization of this event. If you are an administrative whiz and Excel expert and can be available on race day, Sunday, September 10th to help with event set-up (and have a ton of fun) then we want to hear from you. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours per month

CAN YOU HELP US HELP GOLDENS? THEY'RE COUNTING ON YOU...AND SO ARE WE.

Please contact teamresources@goldenrescue.ca with your preferred choices. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

THANK YOU
for coming to
the rescue!



MEET & GREET – Ricki #2456

Sweet Ricki came to us overweight and unkempt. She was pretty lethargic even for a 10-year-old. Very soon, however, she lost seven pounds and her energy level improved every single day. She used to pull on the leash and lay down after a three-minute walk. Now she can't wait for her walks and her manners have improved dramatically. It is such a joy to see her come into her own and her joie de vivre has returned in spades particularly when she plays with her sister Shiloh or goes on her beloved car rides. She even eats like a lady now, leaving a little for afters ~ what a change from the food-devouring girl we first met. I am so happy to have Ricki in my life. She's a sweet, affectionate, gorgeous girl ~ thank you Golden Rescue.

Derra

In Praise of Older Golden Retrievers

by Cheryl Uhrig

We've always adopted older dogs ~ four and counting. And we've always had amazing good fortune. The upside is, in most cases, they come equipped with basic commands, are house trained, and are well past the teething stage. The downside is, well, we haven't actually experienced any downsides. Older dogs need a forever family and a second chance just as much as a young dog...if not more! They have no idea why their life has suddenly turned upside down ~ all they have ever known is gone. We don't know how long they will be with us but we do know they will be with us forever. Our job is to help them realize, feel, and believe it!

In some cases, it has taken our senior dogs no time at all to adjust. With some, it has taken time, understanding, patience, and above all, love. In all cases, it was well worth the effort.

But one thing older dogs rarely come with is an owner's manual. We do not know much about our Golden Retrievers' past lives ~ what it was like and how they were treated and cared for. And in Roxy's case (rescue #936), just what she was capable of! We just knew we were inseparable and that Roxy was a part of our family forever.

Right from day one, Roxy was well behaved, gentle, and loving. She was also a fixture in my studio, plopping down on the carpet with her favourite kong in 'her' corner. One day, after finally finishing a project, I had a sudden burst of relief and excitement. Just for fun, I leaned over to Roxy with my right hand up and shouted 'High Five Rox!' Suddenly Roxy sat straight up with her back end thumping like a drummer and she threw her paw right back up at me. "NO WAY", I thought. This can't be real, so I did it again and again. Roxy did it each time...she could actually High Five! So, in praise of older Golden Retrievers, they teach us much and they are forever grateful. As we discovered, they teach us patience, understanding, love, and in some cases – a new, but old trick.



Roxy #936

MEET & GREET

Dexter #1801

Dexter was our second foster through Golden Rescue and we first met him on December 12, 2012 at TVEH. He had torn his ACL and required immediate surgery after travelling to Toronto. We were fortunate that we were able to meet him before surgery so that we wouldn't be strangers to him afterwards. After the recovery period and many sessions of physiotherapy, he tore his other ACL and we needed to go through the entire process with Dexter a second time. After loving and supporting him for close to a year, we knew in our hearts that we wanted to make this loving and gentle boy a part of our family permanently. Since then, he has brightened each day with his kind and gentle nature. He has learned to swim and put his head underwater to retrieve tennis balls and adores sunset boat rides at the cottage. Dexter has even learned to live peacefully with two cats who he has realized are the true bosses in the house. Dexter has just turned seven and over the past four years, he has welcomed and mentored 10 foster Golden Retrievers, demonstrating excitement, acceptance, and patience with each and every one. We feel sad for him when the foster leaves as he has lost a playmate and buddy. Dexter also enjoys meeting new people and dogs at various fundraising events and is always willing to let people give him belly rubs and treats! Dexter has truly become a Golden Rescue ambassador and we can't imagine our lives without him!

Michelle & Allan



GOLDEN MOMENTS®



Who said an old dog can't teach YOU new tricks!

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Sophie #2315



Steffi #2368



Bono #2387



Cooper #2429



Simon #2476



Zoey #2489



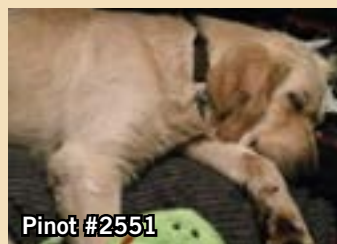
Stevie Wonder #2490



Kopec #2493



Chase #2468



Pinot #2551



Bella #2516



Chloe #2517

Abby #2438
8-year-old female adopted by Meredith & Ed

Angel #2532
2-year-old female adopted by Janice & Dave

Bear #2491
3-year-old male adopted by Margaret & Michael

Bear #2528
1-year-old male adopted by Kelly

Bella #2516
3-year-old female adopted by Debbie & Jamie

Bella #2531
3-year-old female adopted by Muriel & Francois

Ben #2543
1-year-old male adopted by Meri & Frank

Birdie #2527
2-year-old female adopted by Tímea & Brian

Blitzen #2534
3-year-old male adopted by Sharon

Bono #2387
2-year-old male adopted by Colleen & Brett

Brodie #2427
10-year-old male adopted by Barbara

Buddy #2448
5-year-old male adopted by JoAnne

Buddy #2477
2-year-old male adopted by Tina & Erik

Camero #2509
2-year-old male adopted by Dawn & Rick

Carly Simon #2492
5-year-old female adopted by Mary & Stan

Chance #2468
2-year-old male adopted by Tanya & Troy

Charlie #2424
9-month-old male adopted by Danielle & Kyle

Charlie #2520
6-year-old male adopted by Mia & Wilf

Chase #2469
2.5-year-old male adopted by Lynn

Chevy #2506
3-year-old male adopted by Silke & David

Chloe #2517
7-year-old female adopted by Kim & Brad

Cloey #2498
2-year-old female adopted by Linda

Cody #2473
2-year-old male adopted by Ellen & Helen

Comet #2501
2-year-old male adopted by Alayna & James

Cooper #2429
6-year-old male adopted by Kelly

Cooper #2540
5-year-old male adopted by Janice

Cowboy #2474
1-year-old male adopted by Wanetta & Dan

Cromwell #2523
3-year-old male adopted by Katherine & David

Crosby #2460 & Santana #2461
10-year-old males adopted by Nigel

Daisy #2450
6-year-old female adopted by Liz & Bob

Daisy #2537
5-year-old female adopted by Oksana & Gregory

Daniel #2437
10-year-old male adopted by Claire

Dasher #2536
3.5-year-old male adopted by Sue

Dickens #2432
3-year-old male adopted by Janice

Emily #2522
1-year-old female adopted by Patty

Emma #2482
2.5-year-old female adopted by Irene & Brian

Emme #2452
7-year-old female adopted by Sirkka

Farley #2435
2-year-old male adopted by Kathy & Marc

Forest #2499
4-year-old male adopted by Ann & David

Georgia #2434
4-year-old female adopted by Laurel & Jeff



Farley #2435



Abby #2438



Gidget #2439



Buddy #2477



Mercedes #2505



Buddy #2448



Miss Molly #2455



Hudson #2462

Gidget #2439
2-year-old female adopted by Penny

Gordon Lightfoot #2487
3-year-old male adopted by Kelly & Gerry

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MEET & GREET

Kopec #2493

Kopec came to us as Dylan #2493 in November on Flight #16 from Istanbul. From the moment we saw Kopec at the Toronto Airport, he was jumping in his crate like a jumping bean and he hasn't stopped since! He is brave, adventuresome, full of energy, and excited about life ~ eager to try all things new! Kopec can't wait to go, see more, do more, and experience more. I can't keep up with him. He is like a toddler who wants to know 'what is it?', 'where does it come from?', 'what does it taste like?' or 'what happens if I pick it up and put it in my mouth?' Kopec loves all other dogs and he and his sister Xia are great friends ~ it only took a couple of days before they were snuggled up together. Kopec is so gentle with the neighbourhood children and can't wait to see them all on his daily walks around his neighbourhood. To add to the daily adventure, Kopec is always on the look out for food. Anything that looks, smells or might possibly be a food item needs to be investigated. This has got Kopec into some pretty interesting situations! He is the master of trickery and distraction and when he gets you busy somewhere else or focused on some other decoy, he will be stealing your breakfast, lunch or dinner faster than you can say 'Kopec!' He opens doors and cupboards and one day snuck out of the bathroom and, as I chased him while soaking wet in my towel, he ran to the kitchen and was in the kitchen sink licking all my dirty dishes clean! Every day with Kopec has been an adventure. He is so loving, cuddly, and sweet and just gazes at us adoringly every night when he comes to us for his nightly snuggle time. We are so grateful to have him in our family and happy to see him gaining weight, filling out, and learning how to live in a home as a part of a loving family. We thank Golden Rescue for saving Kopec, and so many more just like him, from the sad and difficult life on the streets of Istanbul. In our family, Kopec will always have lots to eat, many soft and comfortable places to sleep, and a lap to lie on, a hand to pat him, and arms available for hugs!

Melissa



Missy #2545



Golden Rescue is so fortunate to have such loving supporters, fosters, adopters, partners, and volunteers all working for a united cause. From time to time, we are gifted with heart-warming stories offered to us by those who are on the front lines of our rescue efforts ~ our intake, transportation, and foster teams...to name only a few. Their stories are too good to keep to ourselves so we wanted to start sharing them with you ~ a peek at what goes on behind the scenes before a Golden lands with his/her forever family. We hope you will enjoy this new feature in our beloved Guardian.

Transporting 'Miss You'

by Dennis, Transportation Volunteer

I called her 'Miss You' because she didn't have a name when I picked her up. She was wiggly, craving human contact, and super sweet. Miss You looked more like a lab because her coat had been shaved, but I knew she was Golden through and through, especially when she insisted on being snuggled all the way to her foster home. Miss You was oh so clever. She slithered her way into the front seat, seeming to know that a belly rub would be waiting for her if she could just get into the exact right position. She was right. Before I knew it, Miss You was riding shotgun and had scored her belly rub.

We didn't have a long drive, but I felt like I learned a lot about Miss You in the short time we were together. She was a talker ~ excited when the car slowed or when we stopped at a red light. Not sure what that was about, but I assured her we were going to a better place and that she was going to be happy and safe for the rest of her life.

Miss You needed to lose a few inches, looking like she had been overfed, but I knew that her new foster family loved to walk, so she would be able to shed those pesky pounds in time for her adoption.

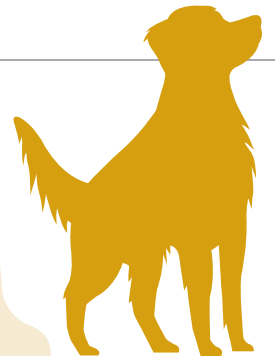
Working for Golden Rescue has been quite an eye-opening experience. Every Golden has a story and I've been proud to be a part of it. Miss You is now Missy #2545 and she has landed safely into the loving arms of her forever family. Happy life to you, Missy!

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, March 25th	Pet Valu Day	11 am – 3 pm	3843 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke 1550 Upper James Street, Hamilton
Wednesday, March 29th	Pet Café with Habitat Friends	9 am – 4 pm	York University
May 13th	LCBO Tag Days	11 am – 5 pm	London ~ 109 Fanshawe Park Road London ~ 3050 Wonderland Road South
May 27th & September 9th	St. Jacobs Markets	7 am – 3:30 pm	St. Jacobs
June 10th	Canadian Tire Tag Day	10 am – 2 pm	Port Perry
June 15th	Golden Rescue Annual General Meeting	6:30 pm	Hilton Mississauga-Meadowvale 6750 Mississauga Road
September 9th	LCBO Tag Days Cottage Country	11 am – 5 pm	Gravenhurst ~ 155 Edward Street Bracebridge ~ 125 Muskoka Road 118 West Port Carling ~ 115 Medora Street Washago ~ 8409 County Road 169
September 10th	Yorkville Run		Toronto
September 16th	Golden Rescue Annual Picnic	10 am – 5 pm	Viamede Resort
September 23rd	Canadian Tire Tag Day	11 am – 5 pm	Grimsby
September 23rd & 24th	BuzzFest		Terra Cotta
October 1st	The Pinery Antique Flea Market		Grand Bend
October 13th – 15th	Bala Cranberry Festival		Bala
October 28th & 29th	The Zoomer Show		Toronto (Enercare Center, Exhibition Place)
4 Weekends in December	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.





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

Amber #2074

In memory of beautiful sweet Amber. Dianne, she will always be close to your heart and never forgotten. We hope you find peace in the memory of the love you shared. **Jo, Patti, Viive & the Ops team**

Buddy #1021

The evening skies have welcomed a very bright new star, Buddy, described by his mom as a beautiful, lovable, gentle, and kind soul. He will be missed beyond words by Wendy, her family, and everyone who ever crossed paths with him. **Viive**

Charlie #2142

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was a warm spring day, May 2, 2015 and I was anxiously awaiting my new arrival, Charlie. It was love at first sight. **Charlie** was enormous, with beautiful white fur and grateful, hopeful, loving brown eyes. Even though he was the size that he was, he was

graceful and patient, friendly to anyone he met, even the little dogs that loved to walk underneath and run around him. Loved by all. The decision to end his suffering was excruciating but I knew I couldn't let this precious sweet boy suffer any longer. My very beautiful and best friend, was licking my face until his head got too heavy to hold up and he closed his eyes for the last time on January 24, 2017. Charlie would have been 14 years old this fall. I will remember him forever, my Charlie Horse. Always in my heart. RIP Baby Boy. **Chris**

Gaby #1579

In memory of our wonderfully quirky Gaby, who entered our lives as a 10-year-old foster. We adopted her and had five and a half years watching her personality blossom. She went from a reclusive dog into one demanding attention on her terms. She had a window of five minutes for cuddling, grooming, and attention, after which she was off with a withering look over her shoulders saying, "That's enough!" We will miss her presence in our home. Hopefully she is running again with all the other Golden retrievers who have crossed our threshold. **Barbara & John**

Percy

In memory of Jennifer, Harry & Sonny's loving relationship with Percy. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. With love, **Ed & Karen**

Phoenix #1569

In memory of a very special girl. Your time with Sharon was much too short and the hole you left in her heart is immense. You left your paw-prints in the hearts of everyone who met you. RIP sweet Phoenix! **Viive**

Rylee

In memory of sweet and adventurous Rylee, who lives on in our hearts. She is sorely missed by Liz and Gary and all those who had the pleasure of knowing this darling girl. **Patti & Viive and the Ops team**

Sheba #916

We adopted Sheba in June 2008. She was six years old at the time and flourished to the ripe age of 14. Sheba was a very strong dog most of her life and was very healthy. She ran like a pup to the age of 12-13. Her eyes were always bright and aware, even though she had lost most of her hearing at around age 13. She just loved being cuddled and having her ears rubbed. She would walk up to us, sit down and with a paw, insist on a petting. I remember how she used to pick up pine cones from the ground and toss them up in the air. When they dropped, she would roll and rub her head and shoulders into the pine cone...or into any object to which she claimed ownership, including dead critters (to cover herself with stink!). And she loved chasing squirrels, to the point of obsession. We loved to hug and squish her so much, we started calling her "Squish". We will miss so much that feeling of hugging and holding her tight. I miss going for her walks and the way she would insist on carrying her own leash once we turned the corner on the way back to the house. We loved her so much. We miss her dearly. **Lynda & Henry**

Todd

In memory of Todd, a wonderfully unique boy who shared his love with us all at our board retreats. He will be missed by Karen and her family and by all who knew this precious boy. **Barry, Ben, Christine, Jane, Monica, Patti, Patty, Sharon, Sherida & Viive**



Buddy #1021



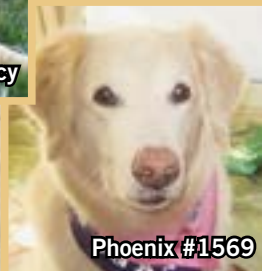
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MEET & GREET – Jesse James #741

Jesse James came to us as a 10-week-old puppy in foster. He was a high energy puppy and his fur was stained in urine and he was loaded with internal parasites ~ roundworm and hookworm. His previous owner bought him on impulse and they weren't prepared for the work involved in training him. He came into our life a month after we lost our senior rescue, Sir Quinton #571, and having a puppy sure did bring light back into our home. Our other two Golden retrievers at the time, Echo and Kelti #503, accepted him immediately and they soon became the three musketeers. Jesse was a challenge as a puppy as he was extremely high energy and displayed signs of OCD very early; however, keeping him well exercised and mentally stimulated has been the key! Jesse is now 10 years old and has been an absolutely joy! He has always been the one to greet new fosters or any new dog coming into our home with lots of noise but he has also always been the one that gets them all playing with a little hip check and a spin. He is a gentle, loving soul with a serious side. Jesse always seems to know when someone needs a little extra Golden love and will place himself ever so gently by your side and lay his head across your lap in a manner that says 'everything will be all right'. He has a bottomless pit for a stomach and an internal clock that doesn't let you get away with even an extra 10 minutes of sleep in the morning. He is our little bear with the big Golden heart! We have always said that whenever we lose a Golden, he or she sends us another who needs us. Sir Quinton sent us Jesse James and we are so glad he did!

Cherie & Randy

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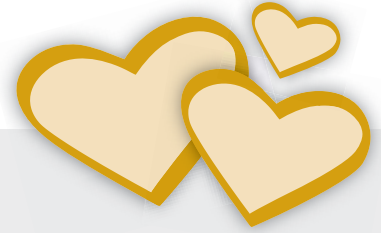
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In memory of Angus
 Ching-Wen Yu
 Zoom Media Inc.
 David Zubot
In honour of Karen C.

In Memory of Garry Wichman, a beautiful man who loved & was adored by his adopted Golden, Sadie

Gerda Campbell
 Jim Cornish
 Debra Gallagher
 Benjamin Navarro
 Laurel Wichman



‘Surrender’ is Always the Right Solution!

Did you know that more than 50 percent of the Golden retrievers who come into our program are surrendered by owners who can no longer care for their Golden properly? As you can imagine, the decision to surrender is often both painful and heart-breaking. We understand that and the best we can do under such trying circumstances is to let each and every person know that they have made the right choice and that we will give their precious Golden a wonderful new life. The decision is tough ~ always so tough ~ but surrendering is the right thing to do and we do not judge. Ever!

Think about the last five years of your life. What changes have come your way? How is your life different today than it was five years ago? Have you had to make life-altering decisions? If so, how have those decisions affected your day-to-day life, your well-being, your home life, your career, your family? Chances are you have experienced change in one form or another. And so have the people who have had to surrender their Golden. And while most of us probably strive to control the influencers of change, sometimes it's not always possible and we have to alter our course and take a different, unexpected direction.

Separation, divorce, finances, personal illness or caring for an ailing or aging family member, job loss, relocation, marriage, allergies, expanding families, blending families, cat and dog compatibility, and time management are just some of the changes of every-day life that factor into the decision to surrender.

We get it and respect those who have chosen to make the humane, albeit gut-wrenching, decision to part with their beloved family member. We answer the call without bias. We act quickly and we come to the rescue.

We know that not everyone looks kindly on those who need to surrender their Golden, but that is not who we are at Golden Rescue. We do not place blame. We welcome surrendered Golden retrievers with open arms because all too often we have seen the ugly alternative when someone is shamed about their decision. For example, we found and rescued a Golden retriever at the side of a highway with 'free' spray painted on her fur. We rescued a Golden retriever who was wandering alone in the woods with his microchip cut out of him. We found another in a parking lot at night, shuddering in the cold with a sign around her neck, saying 'your problem'. If these precious sweethearts had been surrendered, not abandoned, they could have been spared this cruel and callous treatment.

Without a doubt, surrender is better than abandonment. Surrender is better than neglect. Surrender is better than cruelty. When life changes, surrender is always the right solution. Please be kind to those who have to make this tough decision. Let US come to the rescue!

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FOURTH PRIZE

Trip for TWO on VIA Rail (Quebec to Windsor corridor) + \$2,000 cash

FIFTH PRIZE

\$2,000 gift certificate to Viamede Resort on Stoney Lake, ON



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(maximum 5,000 tickets to be sold)

Draw date: September 14, 2017

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