THE GUARDIAN



2017 Rescue PICNIC

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.

SAVE THIS DATE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

and get ready to load up the car and your Goldens for an action-packed day at the majestic Viamede Resort ~ nature's paradise in the Kawarthas.



HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT...

8 AM ~ REGISTRATION OPENS

10 AM ~ GAMES

10 AM ~ SILENT AUCTION & GENERAL STORE OPEN

11 AM ~ PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

11:30 AM TO 2 PM ~ BBQ LUNCH

12 NOON ~ OPENING CEREMONIES & "LEAVE IT OR STEAL IT"

1 PM ~ LIVE AUCTION

2 PM ~ RAINBOW BRIDGE

2:30 PM ~ GAMES

3 PM ~ BEST DRESSED CONTEST

3:30 PM ~ SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

4 PM ~ WINNERS OF SILENT AUCTION & 50-50 ANNOUNCED

5 PM ~ PICNIC CLOSES

Get ready to PARTY at the picnic! See you in SEPTEMBER!

Additionally, there will be trail hikes, demos, and even a visit from Santa Paws! Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa in September. This jolly fella will be camera ready for that perfect pic for your holiday cards. And then there's beautiful Stoney Lake ~ the glorious water haven for Goldens. Don't you just love the smell of wet fur? We do!

WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING.

Just email picnic@goldenrescue.ca and say 'yes, I'll be there' (please let us know who's coming ~ two and four-legged and if your Golden is one of ours, his/her rescue number if you have it)



Stoney Lake in the Kawarthas (near Peterborough)

For reservations at Viamede: Email info@viamede.com or call 1.800.461.1946



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Charlie #2424 ~ Check out page 10 to read Charlie's story!

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The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. is a volunteer-operated, not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to rescuing and re-homing displaced Golden Retrievers and to educating the public in general about pet ownership.

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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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



SPECIAL ADOPTION ALERT: Leroy #2548



We are having a difficult time finding Leroy a home so we need your help. Kindly spread the word far and wide. Please read what Leroy has to say.

Boy, I sure never thought I'd have to expose all the not-so-good stuff about me. It really hurts because I'm actually a very lovable and good boy. But I have to tell you the truth, so, like ripping off a bandaid, I'll get my two 'issues' out of the way first. One...I hate being left alone and can be destructive when you're not at home. Two...I hate the car (although I have improved so maybe once I learn to trust, cars

won't be such a scary thing ~ maybe frequent short trips and going to Tim Hortons and Dairy Queen might help me get used to it J). Both of these things are pretty big that I have not been able to conquer and I feel terrible about it. I also don't like being grabbed by the collar or having toys grabbed from my mouth but I'm working on that. To make matters worse, I'm sort of Golden ~ probably my dad was a Golden and my mom was a Lab, or vice versa, and I'm nine years old. Now, if you are still reading this, even with all these strikes against me, you're an angel. If you've already stopped reading, I totally understand. I have faced a number of challenges in my life but finding my forever family may be my biggest challenge yet. But you see, despite all my faults, I still need a home to feel safe in.

I still need to be loved and give love back. I still need to cuddle on the couch and tell you how much I appreciate that you took me in. I still need to be happy and silly at the same time and yes, I need to work hard on my faults every single day. I was hit by a car some years ago and broke my leg but it healed totally and I can run like the wind. The only thing is that I take some arthritis meds to keep me nimble but it's really no big deal. My eyes aren't as good as they used to be but I get around just fine. Boy, more stuff to deal with ~ sheesh! On the plus side, my foster dad told someone the other day that I was smart, affectionate, and well mannered. I'm pretty sure those are

all good things, right? Finally some good stuff, eh? Because of that thing called 'separation anxiety', I really do need a family who is home most of the time but having a canine brother or sister would help a lot too, I think, so I'm never home alone. I get along well with most dogs and at the off-leash park, I meet and play with everyone really well. When I'm on the leash, if another dog shows any aggression, it can get a little dicey. You know, there was a great movie called Seabiscuit about an incredible race horse who had been knocked around and his spirit was broken. There was a very poignant (good word, eh...see I am smart!) quote in that movie, "You don't throw a whole life away just because he's banged up a little". I hope there is someone out there who believes that quote and if there is, I will show you love and loyalty like you've never seen before and, like Seabiscuit, I'll run like the wind for you...

We know he has a lot of peccadillos; however, he is a wonderful boy and truly deserves a second chance. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please email adoption@goldenrescue.ca.





Nash is an Istanbul boy. This grateful ruffugee realized instantly that life was much better in Canada...so much so that he wouldn't leave the house for the first few weeks in case he was being taken away from heaven. Eventually, with gentle persuasion and lots of treats, he learned to trust and that walkies are the best part of his day. Nash loves his car rides, his bed, his toys, cuddles, and peanut butter...in no particular order. But perhaps his favourite thing is being brushed. He will even bring the brush over in his mouth as a gentle reminder.

Courtney



This sweet, cuddly girl had a long journey from Istanbul to our forever Canadian home. Timid and understandably nervous at first, this lovely girl is feeling more secure and confident every day as she feels love, encouragement, and positive reinforcement flow over her. We know that Enya is grateful but we are even more grateful to have such a beautiful girl in our family.

Andrea & Paul



Open for Business...so BUY AND 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 or comments, please email swag@goldenrescue.ca. Thank you!

HAPPY SHOPPING!

www.goldenrescuestore.ca



Goldens in Need Lead Students on a Quest for Change



Like all graduating classes, the students at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School in Oakville wanted to make their last year a memorable one. And what better way to remember the escapades of school life than to work together for one last time and raise funds for a worthy cause. In a school-wide event dubbed 'Change Wars', a challenge for students to donate change for charities, this graduating class researched various causes and chose to get fur-focused, donating their coins, with compassion, to Golden Rescue.

The stakes were high with the victors winning a dress down day for their grade ~ a coveted sartorial departure from their uniformed peers. With their eye on the prize and a team spirit devoted to the cause, this impressive group of 'golden girls' raised an amazing \$812 for Golden Rescue...and won the event!

Congratulations to the 2017 graduating class whose quarters for Quinn #2275, nickels for Nemo #2288, and loonies for Leroy #2595 will go a long way to helping Goldens. On behalf of all the Goldens who will have a second chance at their happily ever after, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity and kindness.

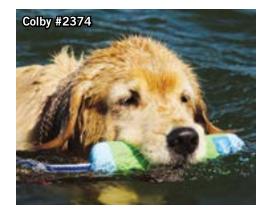


PLAY IT SAFE!

The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us ~ a perfect time to get outside and play with our Goldens! Not only does playing give our precious goldies great exercise, but it also helps their human companions stay in shape too. We all need fresh air and exercise and play is one of the most entertaining ways to laugh and have fun with our fur-legged sweeties.

However, like all good pet owners, we need to keep safety top of mind when playing with our best friends. Not all toys are created equal, and a little research to find great toys will pay off in the end, potentially preventing an emergency trip to the vet to remove a toy that has been ingested or has caused choking. Be vigilant, be knowledgeable, and play it safe!

First and foremost ~ beware the hazards of tennis balls (or any balls of that size). Yes, your Golden loves them, maybe is a tad obsessed for that matter, but sadly, they have been the cause of some very unfortunate incidences. Tennis balls can be easily ripped apart and they can get lodged in your Golden's throat and if ingested can cause serious harm. If your Golden is very



possessive about its toys, he/she may swallow a thrown tennis ball whole (sometimes while catching them exuberantly in the air) with tragic consequences. Golden Rescue implements a 'no tennis ball' policy at our annual picnic for just this reason. Also, be mindful of small bouncy 'human' items that might be easily accessed or swallowed, like squash, ping-pong or golf balls. Keep them out of reach.

As a good precaution, check the construction of the toys you buy. Be careful about toys that have small items sewn on them, like eyes, ribbons, string, beads, and rubber bands,

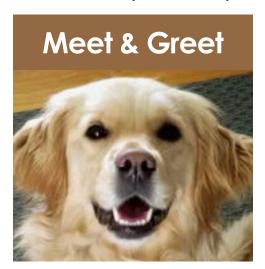
to name a few. These things can be easily chewed, ripped off, and swallowed.

So where to go from here? Look for toys that are an appropriate size for your Golden. Supervise any toy that has a squeak in it, as the squeak mechanism can be chewed out of the toy and swallowed. If you want to keep your Golden happy and occupied, stuff a big Kong or another 'feeder' toy with some low calorie treats, peanut butter or a mixture of treats and some of his/her kibble. Frisbees can be a lot of fun for you and your Golden (and they are safer) but be sure to replace them if/when it becomes torn or chewed.

And while we all love to give our Goldens a soft, fluffy toy to carry around, be sure to assess the likelihood of 'Mr. Chicken' losing his head before you leave your Golden unattended with a soft toy. Goldens should never be left unsupervised or at home alone with toys that can potentially be a dangerous hazard.

And finally, keep toys clean. Try putting some away and present different ones as a 'surprise' ~ whoo hoo! Your Golden will stay stimulated and entertained and you can ensure that all his/her toys are clean and safety approved.

Have fun this summer. Protect your Golden with safe toys and play on!



Cello #2556

Cello came all the way from Istanbul to Ottawa and we think she's nothing short of fabulous. She is a Golden much more interested in us than other dogs. She has bonded so well with us and her indifference to other dogs, although a little unusual, poses no problem. Then one day in a pet food store she showed an unusual interest in another Golden and she seemed to know him. It turned out it was Henry #2414, another Istanbul ruff-ugee. All hearts melted as we watched their touching Turkish reunion

Lynn



"Oh please get over yourself. She said you are a tick magnet not a chick magnet!"



Golden Angels

In each and every issue, we'd like to recognize some outstanding volunteers. Here, you will meet golden angels with golden hearts. 42

Shadow #1342

Dale Goddard & Richard Charron

Many years ago, after adopting a second Golden from Golden Rescue, Dale began volunteering at Golden Rescue booths at various community events. This led to more involvement with Golden Rescue through the years. Currently Dale, along with support from her husband Richard, volunteers in three areas of Golden Rescue ~ as a member of the Intake Team, as the Vet Record Transfer Coordinator, and assisting with yearly followup calls to adoptive families. Richard's support and involvement is vital to Dale's successful volunteer efforts as many hours of dedication are devoted to Golden Rescue. Richard is a true GR partner with Dale. On Intakes, Dale facilitates the surrender of Goldens in need of rehoming. As Vet Record Transfer Coordinator, Dale ensures new adoptive owners' vet clinics receive vet records from our Golden Rescue supporting vets. The third volunteer role Dale looks forward to occurs once a year ~ reaching out to connect with adoptive families. Dale and Richard share their lives with two-year-old Daisy # 2118 and one-year-old Hazel, a Lab-Golden cross adopted as a career-change dog from DogGuides. GR is SO fortunate to have this passionate couple in our corner. Thank you so much ~ you're pure GOLD!



Dale with Daisy #2118 & Hazel

Tony & Ginger Strickland

Tony and Ginger are the best of the best. In a short few years, they have helped us in many ways. Their first Goldens were a bonded pair, Katie and Rosie, rescued from a lady could no longer care from them. When Rosie crossed the Rainbow Bridge, Katie fell into a depression and Tony and Ginger were devastated. To help with Katie's healing process, they started to volunteer for GR and this selfless act really helped. As they got involved with the organization, Tony was fascinated with our Rescue Mission of Love and in December 2016 they adopted Mercedes #2505, an amazing Istanbul Golden who fit in perfectly and loves her new family. With their canine family complete, Tony and Ginger continue to volunteer at LCBO Tag Days, The Pickering Markets, and Barks by the Bay. They also do lots of transports, including transporting for the Mission of Love. One day they're hoping to foster. We are so happy that they found Mercedes and Mercedes found them but we are even happier that Tony and Ginger found us. What a win-win partnership.



Ginger and Tony with Mercedes #2505

Thank You Angels!

To the Supporters behind the Support

These Golden Angels are sometimes not seen, but their contribution is immeasurable. They support our volunteers who provide so much time to our cause. These are the partners, children, friends, and spouses who have good-heartedly dived into events, tackled assignments, ramped up new initiatives or toiled over all-consuming administrative tasks that are never ending and increasingly vital to keep Golden Rescue running at full speed. Kudos to all those who have:



stuffed envelopes



driven with a car-full of Golden Rescue paraphernalia to ensure the success of an event



provided advice, generated ideas, served as a sounding board



accompanied a spouse or partner to a home visit



sold lottery tickets at work, in the hockey arena, on a little league soccer field or to the neighbours



run never-ending errands



relinquished your leisure time to help your partner/volunteer ~ especially at events



ventured out of your comfort zone doing new things that you never dreamed possible nor signed up for



smiled through the pouring rain and baking heat at events to spread the word about our Goldens in need



willingly cleaned up the mess at our beloved Istanbul arrival events



transported Goldens to their foster



dedicated your heart and soul to so many Goldens in need in a multitude of ways

You are our silent angels and for that we will always be grateful and thankful that you are in our lives.





Stay safe and enjoy your summer. Thank you, as always, for your letters and great questions. Cheers, Goldie

If you have any questions about the care of Goldens 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!



Solomon #1998 & Melody #1999

Soloman (Solly) and Melody are a perfect pair of opposites. Solly is an unabashed male ~ a belching, farting, crotch-sniffing macho boy. His sister, Melody, is a quiet, shy, reserved, little lady. They are both incredibly loving and their new cat family, Pippin and Merri, love them as does their other canine brother, Buddy. Their GR journey took them from Quebec to a foster home in Windsor and then finally to their forever home on the Rideau near Ottawa. These well-travelled beauties have filled our hearts with love and their very different personalities have added spice and a new level of joy to our home.

Jennifer

Dear Goldie: There's been a lot of conversation lately about my weight. Seems I've gained a few pounds over the winter, snacking alongside my humans while they've been glued to something called Netflix. But now the party is over (sigh). I have about ten pounds to lose, but I love my treats. What are some healthy treat alternatives that I should be snacking on to help melt those pesky pounds? Thank you! Chubs

Dear Chubs: You know, all animals, even the human kind, resort to comfort food when the weather outside is cold and dreary and the snacks inside are warm and tasty! Hibernation can lead to extra body so you're not alone. However, with all this fabulous warm weather, I hope you've been enjoying some outside activities like swimming or maybe hiking with your humans, or just letting your ears blow in the wind as you run after a frisbee. Exercise and a good diet will get keep you on course and on your way to a healthier weight. Here are some snacking suggestions that have worked for other chunky monkeys. Try to eat single ingredient treats like sweet potato, salmon or blueberry bites. Have your family reserve some kibble, mush it with some raw peanut

butter, slip it into a Kong, and freeze it. Yum ~ you'll love this and you'll enjoy it for hours ~ promise! Low calorie snacks that do double-doggy-duty like cleaning teeth or promoting better mobility are also a great idea ~ in moderation. Your humans need to adjust your food accordingly to allow for these extra calories. And learn to love your veggies and fruits. Baby carrots, green beans, broccoli, celery, cucumber, bananas, and apples do the trick! But watch those fruit sugars ~ more veggies, less fruit. My family gives me ice cubes as a treat. Ha ~ I love 'em. They're cold and crunchy and fun to chase around the kitchen floor. And by the way, Chubs, treats are meant to be earned. So don't just stand there expecting somethin' for nothin'. Roll over. Shake a paw or two. Work for that wubba-bubba! You'll be svelte in no time! Smart snacking! Goldie

Dear Goldie: My Golden loves the water and swims all day long. Should I give her a shorter haircut or a shave so her hair dries more quickly and so she smells a whole lot better after her next swim? Love, Dealing with Drippy

Dear Drippy: There seem to be two ways of thinking about haircuts and Goldens. Some believe the shave diminishes your Golden's beauty, confidence, and feeling of security and is unnecessary since his/ her coat protects her skin in the hot sun. Others want to shave their Golden to make drying faster, reduce the chance of matting, prevent their coat from staying wet and smelly, and diminish the chance of those dreaded hot spots. Speak to your veterinarian or groomer about the best choice for your Golden. Maybe there's a happy medium ~ not shaved, not long. And please make sure to dry those ears as well. Choose the approach that makes you and your Golden the happiest. Goldie

Dear Goldie: I love my vanilla ice cream. I try to be such a good boy when the big food source in the kitchen opens and food miraculously falls out of it. When I see the vanilla ice cream container come out, I get SO excited. I jump up and down and spin in circles. I can't get enough of the stuff. Is it okay for me to eat this heavenly white velvet stuff? Love, Sticky Whiskers

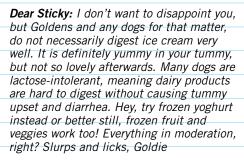




Clancy #2554

Clancy is a loveable, affectionate sweetheart. This treasure of a boy captures everyone's heart with his gentle manner. He is putting on much-needed weight and his ribs are no longer visible. His coat is also filling in nicely...so much so that he is no longer nicknamed 'Patches'. His blood levels, initially askew, are now getting back to normal and his broken tooth has been extracted, which Clancy handled very stoically. His favourite new thing is his kong filled with kibble. It is fun to watch his bewildered face as kibble appears from nowhere as he rolls his new treasure around. Magic, eh Clancy?

Debra



Dear Goldie: True confession. I LOVE POOP. All poop. All the time. I love other dogs' poop and horse poop and rabbit poop. I love smellin' it, eatin' it, and sometimes just rollin' in it ~ so, so much fun. However, seems every time I go near the stuff, my humans have a melt down and start hollering at me to stop. I can't figure out why. Is this stuff bad for me? Please tell me I can continue to enjoy this poop-a-licious treat. Thanks, Dodge in Deep Do-Do

Dear Dodge in Deep Do-Do: I know how much fun it is to eat those decadent dodo treats. And rolling around in poop is absolutely like going to the spa! Ooooh, aaaaah. However, our humans are not keen



Jax #2564

Jax is loving his new life and he fits in perfectly with his new sister, Sassy. They have even exchanged beds ~ now that's true love. He runs like the wind and at the dog park he would run all day if allowed. He is everyone's favourite and he seems to steal the heart of everyone he meets. He is a barker but he's very smart, so he is starting to learn what is acceptable and what isn't. Soon he will be experiencing the cottage and we have no doubt he's going to love that experience.

Valerie



Ranger #2465

Ranger is a loveable boy and a wonderful companion. Initially, he was not a big fan of other dogs; however, after some training, has become very sociable. He has learned to play and share and no longer makes a fuss around other dogs. He also had a hurt paw which has healed beautifully ~ what a trooper. He is truly my best friend!

Sue

on it as it smells horrible to them and it means we need extra baths and apparently it gives us really bad breath. I don't think it's so bad. Did you know that it's actually fairly common for us to love poop as it takes us back to our early days when our Golden moms cleaned us off as pups, so we were never dirty? However, fast forward to your adult years and chowing on poo is not so cool. The best place to start to find out why your palette has a predilection for poop is with the top dog ~ your vet. They'll do some tests to find out if everything is okay inside your belly and make sure that you don't have parasites, diabetes or a thyroid issue. Once those things are ruled out, then you might want to check out your diet. After my trip to the vet, my humans decided to give me some kelp. They sprinkled it on my food ~ it tasted okay. Then they put some apple cider vinegar into my water ~ that was okay too. And I think it worked (for the humans) because I didn't have the same interest in checking out the delicious droppings of others as much. My humans also decided to give me some raw food, which I loved. So lots of changes for me, but now I just say 'poo poo' to poop and walk right by it.

Ah, the good ol' days. Oh, by the way, if any of your buddies still love the stuff, they could perhaps be a bit bored or are seeking attention from their humans and they'll certainly get it ~ fast. But it's much better to get snuggles than to be hollered at, right? Listen, it's way better to stop and smell the roses and scratch your back with a good roll in the grass. It will keep you healthier and your humans happier. Lovin' the good life, Goldie

Dear Goldie: Is Golden Rescue bringing in more Goldens from Istanbul? Sincerely, Crazy for Isties!

Dear Crazy: Yes, we would definitely like to bring in more Istanbul Goldens ~ they desperately need our help. However, right now we need more funding to be able to pay for their flight and care. Donations, donations, donations are what we need. This is a great time to buy Wishbone Lottery tickets (one ticket is \$40 or you can buy three tickets for \$100) or support someone on the Yorkville Run or become a monthly donor. Please help us go get more Isties! They're waiting for us. Thank you! Goldie



JOIN or SPONSOR The 2017 Yorkville Run/Walk!

Join me, Racey Jacey, and raise money for Golden Rescue!



The Yorkville Run is a prestigious, by-invitation-only, event where 24 local charities have been invited to participate and raise funds for their cause. It's a BIG event with BIG crowds, TONS of fun, GREAT food, and HIGH energy.

Woot, woot \sim I am a giddy Golden, super jazzed to be this year's CAPTAIN of TEAM GOLDEN for the famous Yorkville Run \sim the 'funnest' fundraiser where humans and their fur-kids walk or run a 5 km route to give Goldens everywhere a second chance to have a better life \sim like we all should have, right? Am I right? Yes, Goldens everywhere need our help and I'm up for the challenge to make this year's event bigger, better, and bolder than ever! Will you help me? C'mon, it's an amazing experience!

Last year, 119 humans signed up to be on **TEAM GOLDEN** and they raised an amazing \$35,000! But guess what? This year, we're ramping up our goal to \$50,000! Yes, we are. And WE CAN DO IT! I'm like a dog-with-a-bone to reach this goal (teehee).

So now it's time to get busy and join my team or support my team and help us help Goldens. I'm already practicing! Okay, here's the scoop:

Date: Sunday, September 10th **Time:** 9:30 a.m. ~ 11:30 a.m.

Distance: 5 km through the Yorkville area, downtown Toronto **Start/Finish Location:** Jesse Ketchum Public School, Toronto

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

Swag Bag: Each participant will receive a swag bag/race kit of goodies valued at \$200

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

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

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

ALL Goldens (and other friendly breeds) welcome: bring your fur-walker, the more the harrier, um, merrier.

TO JOIN TEAM GOLDEN:

Go to **yorkvillerun.com**. At the bottom of the page, click on Causes, then Golden Rescue, then Register and Fundraiser for Golden Rescue.

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

- Name: TEAM GOLDEN
- Code: Golden (case sensitive)

And that's all you have to do and you're on MY team. Create your fundraising page and you're off to the races ~ oops, that was a pun.

To SUPPORT TEAM GOLDEN:

If you want to support a runner or me, Racey Jacey (I would be over-the-moon...so snap happy if you did), just go to <u>vorkvillerun.com</u> and click on 'donate' at the side of the page. Enter my name ~ Racey Jacey ~ and scroll down on my page to the 'click here to make a donation' tab

If you have any questions, just write to my human helper at communications@goldenrescue.ca

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!





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
July 15th & 16th	Dog Days of Scugog	9 am – 4 pm	Scugog Shores Museum Village
July 22nd	Golf Putting Contest	9 am – 7 pm	Harbourview Golf Club (Guilford)
August 19th	2nd Annual End-of-Summer Event	10 am – 2 pm	Burnham Mansion Vets (Peterborough)
August 26th & 27th	Dog Tales Festival	11 am – 5 pm	King City
September 9th	St. Jacobs Markets	7 am – 3:30 pm	St. Jacobs
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 (near Peterborough)
September 23rd	Canadian Tire Tag Day	11 am – 5 pm	Grimsby
September 23rd	LCBO Tag Days	11 am – 5 pm	Belleville ~ 190A Bell Blvd Kingston ~ 1089 Midland Avenue Ancaster ~ 737 Golf Links Road
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

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.







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.

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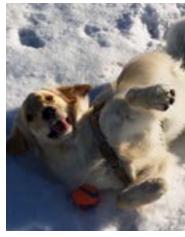
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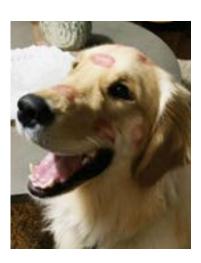




'Eat-the-Sock' Charlie #2424







From Charlie's foster Nancy:

Prior to arriving in our home, we were strongly advised to consider Charlie's needs before committing to him. He was the product of a divorce and he was kept in a kennel during the day.

Charlie had already had one surgery as a puppy for eating a sock (hence the nickname 'Eat-the-Sock Charlie). We soon found out that no object was safe. He could swallow anything, but he had his favourites. He didn't chew the item, just swallowed it whole. Needless to say, prior to his arrival in our home, all items went on lockdown. We were now thinking of him as a baby, not a dog. Everything that was small enough for him to put in his month was put away. And we mean everything!!!

Charlie was a sorry sight when he arrived. He was very handsome and he had a lot of energy but he was SO skinny. We learned quickly that he was smart and he knew his basic commands and quickly learned others (i.e. giving kisses). He loved to counter surf but that ended after a few weeks with a lot of "off" commands. Charlie loved the dog park and was popular with his friends, Holton and Bentley.

Charlie grew to love our Golden, Keeper. Thank goodness she's so patient. As soon as Charlie saw her, Keeper's ears were his play toy. Keeper is no longer a puppy but she didn't seem to mind. Charlie would lead her around the house by her ears and always got her to play ~ it would take a lot to get Keeper going but Charlie would not give up.

Charlie was our busiest foster to-date, but also the one who needed the most. Within a few weeks of his arrival, he was neutered and given a clean bill of health.

Somewhere in our home, the little devil found a sock ~ and the adventure started. Off to the vet we went. He threw up the sock, but the vet was sure there was more in his stomach. So every other day for two weeks, we would visit our vet with Charlie for poop checks, ultrasounds on his stomach, and countless medications. Just when everything was calming down, Charlie flipped his bowel. Emergency surgery saved his life and his eating routine had to change.

Charlie was a challenge! But, look at that face ~ how could we not help this boy! His handsome little face and those eyes!

Finally he was ready to find his forever family. After considering many applications, the right family was chosen. And the next phase of Charlie's life began!

From Charlie's adopter Danielle:

I remember that phone call so vividly! "Have you by any chance looked at our available adoptions recently?" A few months prior, I had submitted an application for a seven-year-old female Golden who was calm, quiet, and laid-back...nothing like the Golden we adopted!

Charlie came bouncing into our lives full force and full of life. We have always had sympathy for those enduring puppy growing-pains so when we were looking over Charlie's profile, we found ourselves surprised that we were actually considering adopting a one-year-old.

We'll admit that Charlie's energy can sometimes seem endless. I work at the most amazing doggy daycare and pet hotel in the GTA. One of the perks of the job is that I can bring Charlie to work with me. So, from Monday to Friday, Charlie spends his day wrestling with his friends, playing fetch with my fellow co-workers, and swimming laps in the indoor pool. Once we get home, he takes his usual two to three-hour nap and then he's ready to go again!

He's your typical Golden in every sense. He loves water and he loves retrieving. He has the gentlest grasp. We often laugh when he tries to carry something heavy as it usually falls out of his mouth half a dozen times as he's carrying the object! But just as he's your stereotypical Golden in many ways, in many ways he's not. I guess that's the thing with rescue ~ it's about accepting and working to help your Golden get through the baggage of their difficult past.

Charlie can be nervous around strangers, dogs, and lots of chaos. He's quite the guard dog and many find it hard to believe the loud, deep bark he has comes from a Golden Retriever. We are working to help calm his anxiety with lots of positive reinforcement, training, and treats. Some days are better than others and it's definitely a work-in-progress but slowly and surely Charlie is overcoming his fears and anxieties and is facing life head-on with a bouncy happy-go-lucky attitude.

By the time the sun goes down and Charlie has finished digging his last hole in the sand, it's time to cuddle on the couch with his three fur siblings ~ his sister Charlie and two brothers Tigger and Jax. Yes, they are cats! Sometimes I think Charlie must have been a cat in another life because we have not seen him come across a cat he hasn't wanted to meet or lick.

While Charlie's mischievous ways and endless supply of energy have us on our toes, his big brown eyes, funny little smile, and big heart has won us over. We will go to the ends of the earth to make his life full and happy, and his past something just that ~ the past.



NELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY

























Bandit #2580 6.5-year-old male Adopted by Candace &

Bear #2494 6-year-old male Adopted by Jill

Bella #2536

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Bijoux #2567 12-year-old male Adopted by Dianne

Bobby #2565 & Dash #2566

4.5-year-old males Adopted by Lynda & David

6-year-old female Adopted by Michaela

Cello #2556

2.5-year-old female Adopted by Lynn & Andrew

Clancy #2554 7.5-year-old male Adopted by Debra

Clover #2500

1-year-old female Adopted by Krista & PJ

Comet #2533 2-year-old male Adopted by Andrew

Cooper #2571

4-year-old male Adopted by Sara & Chris

Duke #2558 3-year-old male Adopted by Jennifer

Ella #2494 & **Tanker #2496**

8-year-old female & male Adopted by Eva & Richard

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1.5-year-old female Adopted by Karen & Bruce

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4-vear-old male Adopted by Carolyn & Michael

Hudson #2550 & Skye #2551

2-year-male & female Adopted by Lisa & Jody

Hunter #2585

7-year-old male Adopted by Frances

Indy #2409

3.5-year-old male Adopted by Eric

Izzy #2581

4-year-old female Adopted by Liz & Gary

Jax #2564 1-year-old male Adopted by Valerie

Kaitlan #2557

3.5-year-old female Adopted by Mary-Lyn

Kelly #2576 2.5-year-old female

Adopted by Randy **Kieran #2553**

2.5-year-old male Adopted by Liz

Kit Carson #2470 1.5-year-old male Adopted by Darlene

Lucky #2485

2-year-old male Adopted by Lucy Lucky #2562

1-year-old male Adopted by Cheri & Craig

Macy #2586

1.5-year-old female Adopted by Betty & Richard

Molly #2541

1-year-old female Adopted by Allan

Murphy #2508

4-year-old male Adopted by Barbara

Oliver #2481

2.5-year-old male Adopted by Kirby & Scott

Phoebe #2510

1.5-year-old female Adopted by Jodie & Joel

Quinn #2577

5.5-year-old female Adopted by Janice & Rick

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Riley #2563 7-year-old male Adopted by Elizabeth

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4-year-old female Adopted by Heather

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1-year-old female Adopted by Patrick

Scotch #2582

2-year-old male Adopted by Beverley

Simcoe #2570

2-vear-old male Adopted by Joanne & Dave

Stella #2575

3-year-old female Adopted by Erin & Ryan

Theo #2480

4-year-old male Adopted by Janice & Kevin

Tucker #2538

3-year-old male Adopted by Steve



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Meet & Greet



Cami #2509

Cami has been described as the most adorable Golden EVER ~ high praise indeed. He loves his new sister, Amber, and happily shares all his new toys with her. He is a squirrel fanatic and chases those little varmints relentlessly, scratching his head every time they escape up the tree. He loves his daily walks and the limp he came with seems to be getting better each day. A cuddler extraordinaire, this sweet soul is loved so much by our forever family ~ a love he returns every single day.

Dawn

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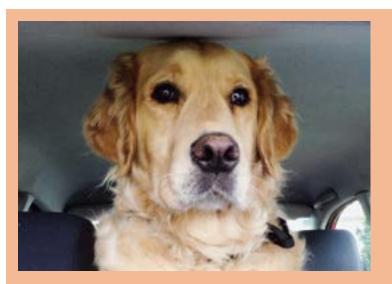
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MEET & GREET

Dickens #2432

Dickens is another ruff-ugee from Istanbul. This lovely boy is a work-in-progress, mainly due to his fear aggression around other dogs. Gladly it's not all dogs...just some. His trainer has worked wonders with Dickens and Dickens is about to step up his interaction with other dogs to hopefully eliminate this foible. On the other hand, he loves people, especially children. There's nothing he loves better than his car rides while looking out the back window viewing all the sights of his new world. He hasn't figured out what water is yet. He goes to the lake and paws at the water wondering what, in heaven's name, it is. Baby steps, Dicken ~ all will become clear in time. In the meantime, you're adjusting really well and we love you!

Janice



Summer Fun in the Sun

We've waited all winter for this warm, sunny season to arrive, and now we need to make sure our furry forever friends enjoy the summer just as much as we do! Summer safety is the key to summer fun. Caring for your Golden is no different than caring for your child when it comes to protecting him/her from harm, be it insect bites, car safety, and even water safety.

Ticks and fleas love hot weather and hitching a ride on warm-blooded animals. Speak to your veterinarian about protecting your Golden from these pests and if your Golden has already been bitten, make sure the tick is removed safely, preferably by your veterinarian or you might want to buy a tick remover to have on hand. In all cases, please check with your veterinarian first.

Travelling in a vehicle with your Golden means careful planning. First and foremost, know that hot cars can be fatal to all dogs when left alone in baking temperatures even with the windows partially open. Safety belts for Goldens prevent unnecessary jostling and distractions during car rides, but only a few are tested and true to their word. In 2014, CBC Marketplace investigated and tested numerous seatbelts for crash safety. Visit Marketplace. ca http://www.cbc.ca/marketplace/blog/pet-safety-dog-harness-crash-test-results.

Avid walkers know how tar-paved asphalt and metal surfaces become painfully hot under the summer sun. The same is true for dogs. Sun-beaten pavement can burn their pads, so avoid hot surfaces when you can. Walk your Golden on the cool side of the street or on the grass. Keep his/her pads cool with water or cold compresses. Keeping paws cool and comfortable will also keep the rest of your Golden cool and comfortable.

Life jackets for dogs? Yes. Surprisingly, not all Goldens are born with strong swimming skills. Some of our Goldens from Istanbul have needed swimming instructions for their very first dip into the water. Puppies, seniors, nervous, scared, and injured four-legged friends need extra special attention around water. Here are some tips for swimming success:

KEEP your Golden on a leash while he/she is learning to swim. It may take a few seconds, minutes or a couple of tries before your Golden feels secure.

CHOOSE a quiet, shallow spot to begin.

GET in the water with your Golden. This is also a wonderful bonding experience.

NEVER force your Golden to stay in the water. Stay in the water as long as it is a pleasant experience.

WHEN your Golden begins to paddle with his/ her front legs, lift his/her hind legs to show her how to float.

YOU may wish to invest in a fitted 'canine float coat' if he/she is a 'sinker' or easily fatigued.

KEEP in mind, not all bodies of water are equal. From pools to ponds, rivers and lakes

to oceans, there are other factors to consider. Most importantly, never leave your furry forever friend alone in any body of water.

CHLORINE and other water purifiers may irritate your Golden's skin or even turn it green. Rinse with plain water at the end of swim day to remove any unwanted chemicals and salts. Moisturizing shampoos or fatty acid supplements may ease any itching.

GENTLY remove any water from inside her ears to prevent infections or use swimmer's ear drops before swimming. Keep pools fenced or covered with rainwater drainage holes when swim time is over. Dogs can drown in puddles atop pool covers. Teach your Golden how to get out of the pool by providing steps or a ramp.

AVOID blue-green algae ridden ponds, rivers or lakes. Such vegetation will cause illness if it penetrates the skin or is ingested. Ocean salt water can cause illness, as do fish, crabs, iellvfish or other dead creatures ashore.

PROVIDE fresh water for drinking to stay hydrated.

CHECK the water temperature and currents. Dogs can suffer from hypothermia with symptoms such as shivering, decreased heart rate and dilated pupils. Learning canine CPR mouth-to-nose resuscitation could save their life.



MEET & GREET



Poppy #2090

Poppy is precious...Poppy is dear Life is much better when Poppy is near So sweet and happy, so soft to the touch Perhaps no other Golden is loved this much!

Ginny



Charm #2278

Charm arrived from Istanbul one year ago. Our delightful young girl is loving and sweet and has fit into Canadian life beautifully. She loves her car rides and her trips to Harveys where the drive-thru window magically dispenses cookies. Like many rescues, Charm came to us with some issues, but this smart girl has come a long way since those early days. Now, she lights up every room she steps into.

Carol



Jesse #2478

Jesse has wiggled his way into our hearts. He has been with us for a short time but he has already met everyone at dad's office and has said hello to all his new neighbours. He is a big, handsome dude with a sweet disposition and a big heart. He filled a big gap when we lost our Golden and now all is right in our world and for Jesse.

Joanne





Bailey #1908

Our sweet, lovable, gentle Bailey. It was so hard to watch you go but we knew in our hearts it was what you needed us to do. We miss you so much. The joy you brought to us will be forever cherished in our hearts and memories. Until we meet again. RIP our sweet Bailey Boo Boo! Anita & Dennis

Dallas

It is with regret that we are letting GR know about the passing of our beloved Dallas. Dallas had a very secure and loving foundation...he didn't know fear or abuse. Dallas was also a mentor to three abused goldies we have taken in ~ Joe, Callie, and Tyson #1834. Tyson is the only one left. Dallas was 12.5 and a class act to the very end. Dallas passed in our arms in the backyard on the front porch (his favourite look-out) with the assistance of our caring vet. Dallas's main claim-to-fame, other than just being our most awesome companion, is that he is one half of the cover picture on the 25th anniversary book (Golden Reflections) with Tyson being the other half. Tyson is very quiet right now and misses Dallas terribly, as we do. This will take a long time to recover but thankfully we have Tyson to help. Russ, Nancy & Tyson

Fergus #2569

Golden Rescue promised to give him a good life and we believe we kept our promise. Our love affair with Fergus was very short but he showed us his Golden spirit right until the very end. He will be missed and we're happy to have known him. **Patti & Viive**

Harvey #2483

In loving memory of Harvey #2483. Harvey was a loving, sweet, funny boy who will always have a special place in the hearts of all who supported and loved him through his journey with Golden Rescue. We miss him terribly. No more pain...RIP sweet Harvey! Patti & Viive

Nico #490

In early December 2004, I was introduced to Nico #490 and I took him to his forever home. Nico had 14.5 years of love and affection that he received and gave back freely. He loved to travel and visited 43 of the 48 continental U.S. states no fewer than 75 times. During his life, he never 'messed' in the house, never got up on the furniture (unless he was invited), never chewed anything, never counter surfed, and only ate from his dish when he was hungry. He was a beautiful boy who had lots of human and animal friends in the neighbourhood. Sadly, a neurological disorder and arthritis eroded his stability, and with a heavy sad heart, I cried as he crossed the Rainbow Bridge on April 29, 2017. You will never be forgotten and will be in our hearts forever. Nico, you were one of a kind! Gary

Peaches #2290

In memory of a sweet, beautiful Golden girl whose life was way too short. She will be sadly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her, especially by Natalie and Adam who loved her dearly. **Patti & Viive**

You have left my life but you will never leave my heart!







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