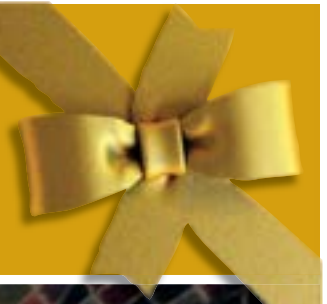


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Woody #1556



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Golden TOTE BAG

The Thousand Golden Mosaic celebrating the 1,000 Goldenes sent to North America (200+ to us at Golden Rescue) is now on this very cool tote bag. Celebrate with us by purchasing this unique bag. A thousand Golden faces make up the one large one. If you have an Istie, see if you can find yours ~ he or she is definitely in there. Shop with pride and bring even more awareness to rescue!

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Jakey #2445

Jakey came to us with guarding issues (he used to growl or nip if you tried to take something from his mouth) and separation anxiety. This wonderful boy, however, has left his troubled past behind and has become the great boy we knew he would be. He has learned the command 'drop it' and does it every time making his guarding issue a thing of the past. His separation anxiety has calmed down dramatically ~ he still doesn't love it when we leave but he knows we're always going to come back so he's not destructive anymore when left alone. This wonderful boy has sure come a long way. He loves his stuffies and our home now looks like a three-year-old lives here. His most favourite toy is his softball, which he carries around with pride both inside and out as he is a crazy baseball fan. When he is watching a game of softball at the park, it is almost impossible to get him off the bleachers where he sits riveted ~ it is the funniest thing to see. Mind you, there is not a day that goes by that Jakey doesn't make us laugh about one antic or another. Thank you so much for allowing us to be his family. He makes every single day better.

Robin & Glen



M&G





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The Front Cover

Woody #1556 ~ We adopted Woody in 2011 after which he quickly became a St. John's Ambulance Therapy dog. He regularly visits retirement homes, hospitals, and community homes. In 2015 he became a Child Certified Dog where he helps children read and gain self-confidence. This amazing boy adores everyone ~ whether here in Canada or at his winter home in Florida. Just as much as people and other creatures, Woody loves all his stuffies ~ in fact, he wakes up with two or three of them in his mouth every morning. Woody has helped mentor 21 foster brothers and sisters and is happiest with his own harem ~ Autumn #1765, Sophie #1837, and Bailey #2627. **Joan & John**

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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

Come To Me My Canine Angel

Although I have never read Nikolai Gogol's 1842 novel 'Dead Souls', the title has always haunted me, recently it was my experience. In late June, we had to put down our Golden Retriever, Sophie, three months before her 13th birthday. Sophie had gone from vigorous health to fatally ill within two weeks ~ the cause a rampaging cancer in her muzzle and, suddenly, she was gone. I had been through the horror of putting down a dog before so I cannot claim naivety about just how awful this process is. Perhaps no dog owner ever realizes in advance how intimately his life has become entwined with his dog. But I discovered that my life had no purpose without Sophie.

Some people who meant to extend kindly sympathy said, "It's like a death in the family". But it's not, you know! It's worse! There are (at least, remote) family members whose death I could have countenanced with greater equanimity.

In the two months after Sophie's death, I became one of Gogol's dead souls. That is to say, I went through the motions of daily living but inside I had withered up and died. There was an aching, painful void. Whereas formerly, amidst the ups and downs and the inevitable vicissitudes of life, I had been able to maintain a basic conviction that life is good.

Now, chastising me for melodrama or hyperbole is pointless. I am not proud that my faith in the goodness of life should be so ephemeral as to be shattered by the death of a dog but that is the reality. I just did not want to go on living. Of course, I could tell myself (and did, frequently) that I was being ridiculous, that Sophie had had a wonderful life, that other people have courageously faced down greater tragedies ~ the death of a spouse or, God forbid, a child ~ I told myself such things over and over but nothing changed. Perhaps the bond between dog and man extends so far back in evolutionary history as to be in a realm beyond reason.

Of course, many people said that the only way out is to get another dog. But I didn't want another dog...I wanted Sophie back. My wife and I decided that we would wait a year ~ well six months anyway ~ before even considering another dog. We told each other all the new things we would do now that we weren't 'tied down'. The trouble was that, without Sophie, we had no zest for things new or old. We longed to be tied down again.

But there is also the question of age. I have had my biblically allotted 'three score years and ten', and my wife is not getting younger. Did we have the strength, the patience, and the stamina to start again? A puppy is a major time commitment. But then what was

the alternative except to be a dead soul?

In the medieval Church *Accidie* ('spiritual sloth' or 'torpor') was considered a cardinal sin. The OED definition seems to me more accurate ~ 'black despair'. Similar, perhaps, to clinical depression, *accidie* cannot just be willed away. It robs the soul of vitality, the sufferer of inner peace.

Unsought into my slough of despond there came, from the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy, a verse that had embedded itself in my mind half a century ago and had led me to become involved in the nascent Canadian pro-life movement ~ this is the verse: "Today I set before you life and death: choose life". If I was to choose life now, for whatever years remain to me, it dawned on me that my life had to include a dog.

Just as I began to make some preliminary inquiries of those wonderful people who breed Golden Retrievers, I had an unexpected phone call from Golden Rescue ~ could I drive to JFK airport in New York on the night of August 26th to meet a Turkish Airlines flight arriving from Istanbul carrying three rescue dogs? As it happens, I could not. But the next day, another call ~ could we foster one of the dogs arriving on that flight ~ an eight-month-old Golden flying under the name 'Dan Ackroyd'? Coincidence or providence? You tell me!

I hardly need relate the rest of the story. We got Dan Ackroyd #2636 on August 28th and tucked under my desk as I write these words is the aforesaid Dan Ackroyd, whose name has been changed to 'Jacob' (which means 'protected by God'). A dog who somehow made it from a crowded shelter in Istanbul,



Ian with Jake #2636

Turkey, to a safe place under my desk in St. Thomas, Ontario, deserves that name I think. I hope that we are going to make Jacob as happy as his safe arrival has made us.

So come to me, my canine angel, come to me!

Ian Hunter is a retired law professor who lives in St. Thomas, Ontario.



Sophie with Nora



Goldens 365!

Is your Golden a Calendar Star? ★

COVER GOLDENS:

Ariel #2593
Layla #1137

STAR GOLDENS:

Baloo #2389
Colby #2374
Cooper #2224
Emma #2482
Henry #2225
Jax #2564
Nike #2314
Shelby #2347
Sherman #2518
Sophie #2467
Sugar #2526
T-Bone #2382

OTHER STARS:

Adele #2386
Atlas #2326
Bailey #1908
Bailey #2040
Bailey #2040

Bandit #2580
Bella #2546
Bo #2276
Brooklyn #894
Camero #2509
Cami #2509 & Amber
Cello #2556
Clancy #2554
Comet #2501
Copper #2207
Daisy #2618
Dante #2425
Dickens #2432
Eggnog #2523
Emma #2401
Forest #2499
Gubs #1849
Heidi #848
Jacey #2529
Jake #424
Jasper #2426
JC #2403
Jodi #2419

Kalev #2400
Katie #742
Katy #2233
Killy
Kilo #1367
Kipling #2431
Leo #2334
Levi #2453
Lily #2253
LuLa Cupcake
Maggie #2080
Masha #2440
Merlin #2286
Miss Molly #2445
Missy #2545
Nash #2408
Oakley #2071
Phoenix #1569
Piper Pickles
Poppy #2090
Reese #2519
Reggie #2349
Robbie #1913 & Finley

Rosey #1728
Rosie #2242
Ruby #2227
Rusty #2479
Saima
Samba #2441
Scotch #2582
Seamus #2223
Shadow
Shadow #1342
Solomon #1998 & Melody #1999
Sophie #2263
Stevie Wonder #2490
Stone #1531
Tiggs #2474
Toby
Treble
Wally #2559
Whiskey #2178
Zeus #2311
Zoey #1526
Zoey #2489



MEET & GREET

Mercedes #2505

Mercedes has come such a long way since we picked her up at the airport almost a year ago. It took some time but she has really come out of her shell and has developed such a wonderful loving personality. She gets along with everyone she meets, dogs and cats included. Chipmunks not so much ~ she chases them through the yard. She keeps learning new things every day. For example, cowboy boots, although tasty, aren't chew toys! She loves everything about her new life ~ playing with her sisters Katie and Hershey especially when there's snow on the ground, constant cuddling on our bed (which most days she thinks is hers), and visits to Tim Hortons (LOL). Her biggest achievement though is her recent graduation as a St. John's Therapy Dog! We get to share her story with so many people and she is a joy in our lives and we are blessed to have her as part of our family!

Ginger & Tony



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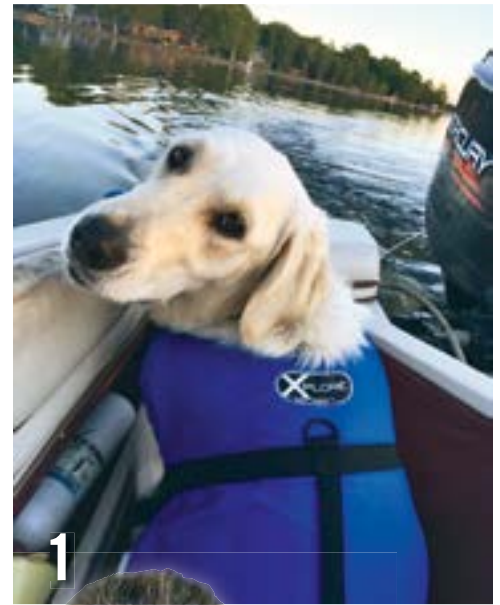
YOU Did It Again at the Yorkville Run!

We thought we were dog-gone lucky in 2016 (beginner's luck and all) when you raised \$35,000 at the Yorkville Run, but it seems you outdid yourself this year, topping that total and raising a whopping \$38,000! Spectacular!!!

The Yorkville Run was held on September 10th in the heart of Toronto and, once again, Golden Rescue was asked to participate so we got busy getting you involved with fundraising. Team Golden was led by the very beautiful and rambunctious Racey Jacey #2529 (pic #1) whose need for speed put her at the head of the pack as she lead a gaggle of Golden beauties to the finish line and proudly accepted the cheque on behalf of Golden Rescue. Team Golden (pics #2 & #3) was the top team out of 24 charities who participated in the event. It was another proud moment for our organization and everyone (two, three and four-legged) who attended, donated, raised funds and participated, enjoyed many precious golden moments.

There were some amazing and dedicated 'top fundraisers' on Team Golden, reaching deep into their networks for our worthy cause and we would especially like to acknowledge Lindsay Young (pic #4) for raising a total of \$21,455 in donations. Lindsay's efforts were in memory of Morgan, her family's beloved 13-year-old Golden who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in May. Morgan (also known as Morgs and Bestie to his inner circle) must have been smiling down on his human family, knowing that so many Golden's were going to have better lives because of all the donations made in his honour. We also want to acknowledge that Lindsay was the top fundraiser out of the 1,200 fundraisers (from all 24 charities) who participated in this year's event. You blew us away, Lindsay!

To everyone who donated to or participated in this year's Yorkville Run, we offer huge, heartfelt thanks for running for rescue!



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MEET & GREET



Winston #2261

Winston has brightened our lives. After our previous Golden crossed the Rainbow Bridge, our home felt empty and sad. Then Winston came bounding into our lives. At first, Winston was afraid of Bill but it wasn't long before he felt safe and now Winston and Bill are truly best buds. Our Border Collie has also welcomed Winston and the two of them are great pals. Winston is such a great helper with household chores, especially when I bring home the shopping. He helps carry in bag after bag. What a smart loving boy he is and we are head over paws in love with him.

Pam & Bill



Bear #2494

Here is Bear as the Ring 'Bearer' at our daughter's wedding. He carried the stick all the way down the aisle with a satchel of rings attached, without incident. He was a superstar and brought a tear to many an eye. We love him to bits. Thank you Golden Rescue for rescuing him and sending him to our family.

Jill

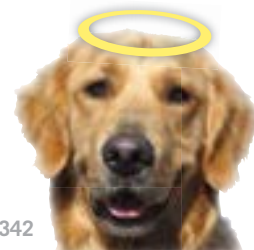
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"I am your *Christmas Past* here to remind you of all last year's *dietary indiscretions*, such as tinsel, chocolate and turkey dressing!"

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



Krystle and Duncan with
Genevieve & Murray

Krystle Coupland, Lead Graphic Designer, Social Media Team

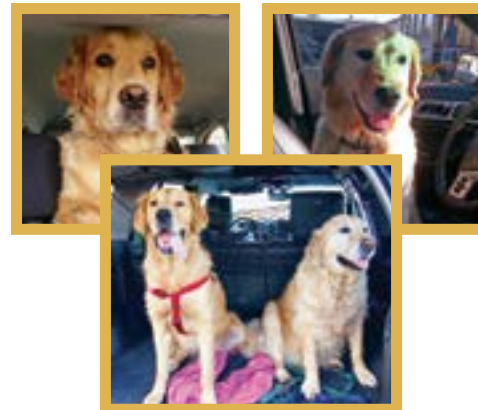
Krystal is our social media design guru. Living on the lake with husband Duncan, Golden Genevieve and Murray, and four bunnies, Krystal is an animal lover par excellence. Besides doing so much for Golden Rescue, Krystal writes a blog on the proper care of rabbits, runs an online shop selling small pet products, and enjoys hiking and life with her beloved family. Three years ago, Krystal was introduced to GR through a friend and was really interested in ways she could help. At the time, she was looking for some extra purpose in her life and luckily GR fit the bill. Krystal said and we quote, "Being a part of such a caring and dedicated organization has given me a sense of community as I have found true passion in life and this has given me a real purpose outside of myself." Krystal's design work is integral to the success of our SM programs and includes collages, slideshows, posters, and designs to support our initiatives and fundraising events. She feels gratified when she sees our Golden Retrievers find their forever families and loves being a part of their journey. We are so grateful that Krystal found us and we cannot thank her enough for all her hard work and creativity.



Sarah, Richard & Corduroy

Sarah & Richard Holland

Richard and Sarah joined our foster team three years ago after hearing from friends who were GR fosters how badly we needed foster families. Since then, they have fostered four amazing Golden Retrievers. Sarah works with the Northumberland County St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog program and their own furbaby, Corduroy, has been a therapy dog for seven years. Corduroy is also an amazing assistant in the fostering process welcoming all new rescues with care, compassion, and a selfless ability to share. Some of their recent fosters came from shelters with no name nor history and have needed surgery so their local supporting vets have played a major role in their recent success stories. Richard and Sarah are impressed and thankful for all the help they received from the transport, intake, and placement teams. They say rescuing these wonderful Golden Retrievers takes a village and they are so happy to play a role. On behalf of the Golden Rescue Village we couldn't be happier for your positivity and care. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your tireless efforts.



Clockwise: Dickens #2432, Jenny #2667
and Hudson #2463 with Shandy

Transport team

"Neither sleet nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

This was first written for the postal service but could well apply to our amazing transport team. Traffic jams or storms, whether from New York, Boston, Montreal or around the corner, don't stop this dedicated team from getting our precious Golden Retrievers to where they need to go ~ many times on a moment's notice...many times over vast distances... and many times under delicate ownership situations. Whatever the challenge, this team gets it done! This year particularly, so many volunteers gassed up and headed out ~ too many to list really but we're going to list them anyway (and thank you also to those of you who were willing...don't worry, we'll take you up on transporting soon):

Danielle, Geoff & Jane, Valerie, John & Joan, Janice, Linda, Jon, Carol, Keith, Ryan, Neil, Crystal, Larry, Diane, Erin & Tyler, Eric, Jessica, Cindy, Susan, Bob, Rob, Glenys, Michelle, Peter, Dave, Pieter, Tony & Ginger, Janet, Clyde, Lorrie-Ann, Dawn, Tamara, Debi, Anna, Dan, Colleen, Robyne, Kelly, Jeff, Lorna, Lea, Patricia, Lee, Jen, Monica, Alen, Paul, David, Dennis, Cindy & Brian, Debbie & Ron, Edie, Jody, Chris, Suzanne, Barb, Patti & Robin, Grant, Ross & Bev, Carol, Ian & Cindy, Tanya, Scott, Joyanne, Dianne, Kim, Tracy, Joy, Aaryn, Laurie, Guy, Lynne, Marnie, Kelli & Todd, Lou, Sandy, Cindy, Fred, Elsie, Sharon & Jon, Jan, Lorie

Thank you all ~ you're the best!



WISHBONE LOTTERY RESULTS

IF WE COULD CLAP, WE WOULD!

Congratulations to the lucky WISHBONE LOTTERY Winners!

Thank you to all of our supporters, ticket sellers, and ticket purchasers who made this year's Wishbone Lottery a huge success! While five lucky people won some amazing prizes, our precious Golden Retrievers won BIG. We sold 3,906 tickets this year out of the 5,000 available and we were thrilled to see an increase of 445 tickets over last year's sales. Our profit (after costs) is almost \$110,000, which will help us tremendously as we continue to rescue, rehome, and rehabilitate precious Golden Retrievers in need.

Thank you to all of our ticket sellers and ticket purchasers who made this year's Wishbone Lottery a huge success! We are so grateful for your generosity and enthusiasm for our largest fundraiser of the year.

The draw was held on Thursday, September 14th at Allandale Veterinary Hospital in Barrie with a number of supporters in attendance. Five tickets were drawn for the five prizes up for grabs and these are the lucky winners!

Grand Prize: Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World (\$25,000 travel voucher):

Doug Prothero (ticket #4163)

2nd Prize: Trip for Two to an all-inclusive resort in Cancun:

Anna Porco (ticket #629)

3rd Prize: Trip for Two to an all-inclusive resort in Jamaica:

Lynda Harley (ticket #1593)

4th Prize: Two Via Rail Passes plus \$2,000:

Gloria Aykroyd (ticket #3076)

5th Prize: Gift Certificate for \$2,000 for Viamede Resort:

Bill Vancoughnett (ticket #3088)

A very special thank you to our Golden Angels at GoodLife Fitness for their over-the-top generosity in donating both all-inclusive vacations and the Via Rail passes and to Viamede Resort donating the fifth prize.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Meet & Greet: Stanley #1864 and Lily

Here is Stanley with his beloved sister Lily. He is your typical goofy Golden and a very young 11-year-old. As the strong silent type (he literally never barks), Stanley is a great companion to Lily and mom's shadow. His favourite activity is playing fetch. He is loved by all he meets and is particularly known for his unique 'Stan the Man' hairstyle. Lily and Stan get along like two peas in a pod and they look like they've always been together.

Brenda & Chuck



GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



"And a very Merry Christmas to one and all!"



The 2017 Golden Rescue Picnic, once again, was filled with fur-flying frivolity and a little bit of craziness ~ the usual stuff of this highly anticipated annual event. The weather was spectacular, the beautiful Viamede Resort graciously offered to play host, and the games, photo contest, auction, food, swimming, trail walks, demonstrations, and camaraderie culminated in some golden moments that will always be remembered ~ and oh yeah, one other little tidbit ~ **IT WAS ALL CAPTURED ON PRIME TIME TV!**

Yes, that's right, the Golden Rescue Picnic now lives forever as a cherished segment of the highly popular Rick Mercer Report ~ CBC's weekly celebration of all that's good in Canada ~ because Rick Mercer and his film crew came to the picnic and then aired the show on October 10th.

Why was Rick there, you ask? Well, let us take you back to a snowy day in January when we reached out to the producers of the Rick Mercer Report, pitching our picnic as good TV and promising that our peanut butter game, which we renamed The Rick Lick, would be an ooey, gooey, sticky, slippery, slop fest in which Rick would have the starring role. How could they resist, right?

Like a Golden with a bone, we had been relentless for a few years, trying to entice Rick's crew to join us, so we were over-the-moon thrilled when they finally agreed. And he even mentioned our request in one of his ever-popular rants, when he referred to being licked by Golden Retrievers saying, "When you get an invitation like that, you show up!"

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RMR | RICK MERCER REPORT



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Throughout the day, Rick and his crew sampled an array of picnic highlights

and learned what it meant to be a devoted retriever believer. They filmed our Golden retrievers being identified by their blindfolded owners in the Guess Your Golden game. They filmed our Golden retrievers staring trustingly into the camera, maybe vying for their 15 minutes of fame. They filmed one Golden retriever having a private moment for which a do-do bag was needed (thanks Rick); they filmed Golden retrievers being hugged, kissed, and rubbed down by their doting owners; they filmed a plastic Golden retriever receiving CPR, and they even let Golden retrievers film other Golden retrievers thanks to the wonders of GoPro strapped on to a few furry film-makers.

As expected, the feature event was the The Rick Lick and it was a sight to behold. Rick, along with a few other brave humans, plastered themselves in peanut butter and proved that Golden retrievers just can't get enough of this yummy stuff and they don't care what they have to lick to lap it up.

It was simply wonderful to have Rick and his crew at our event. But it was even more wonderful to tell our story to a national audience, to celebrate rescue, and to thank the hundreds of fosters, adopters, partners, donors, and volunteers in attendance for their generosity and kindness in helping to provide a forever second chance to a Golden retriever in need.

We would like to thank Rick Mercer and his crew for making our special day even more memorable and for honouring the work we do with licks, love, laughter, and levity.





Check out the front page of our website at www.goldenrescue.ca to watch the Rick Mercer Report at the 2017 Golden Rescue Picnic.



askGoldie

Goldie #654

M@il Retriever

Ho ho ho...woof woof woof...
can you believe it's December?
Have a safe and happy
holiday! Cheers, Goldie

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: Do Golden Retrievers really need a topcoat in the winter? My mom thinks so. She says I have to be warm, but I think I'm just fine, and honestly, sometimes I just feel a bit silly with her fashion choices. What do you think?
Distressed Diva

Hi DD: Oh my, this topic comes up every year. To wear, or not to wear, a coat. You know, your mom means well, right? But sometimes by the time we're all decked out in a coat, it's enough to send us right back to our nice, warm bed! Although your mom is just trying to make you comfy in the cold, you're probably perfectly okay without a coat. However, if you're a young pup or a senior citizen, then you might feel the cold more, but mostly Golden Retrievers are blessed with a natural, beautiful double coat that keeps us warm enough. Now, having said that, it's true that our bellies are not as furry as most of our bodies, so it's a good idea to make sure we are at least toweled down from the snow and ice after we've been outside making Golden Retrievers snow angels. Winter is a ton of fun for us, diving in the drifts and making tracks with our noses. We give our humans lots of laughs with our crazy antics which makes us so loved. And love comes in many ways Diva ~ one of them is putting up with coats! So, don't be too disappointed if one shows up under the tree on Christmas morning. Go with the flow... Goldie

Dear Goldie: I haven't seen as much news lately about your Rescue Mission of Love ~ bringing in Golden Retrievers from other countries like Istanbul, Mexico,

Egypt, Shanghai. Your stories about their hardships have really touched our family and we would love to know more about how to adopt one of these precious Golden Retrievers who so deserves a chance at a better life. Is your Rescue Mission of Love still ongoing and if so, could you please tell me how I could start the adoption process? Thank you! Ready 'n Willing to Adopt

Dear Ready 'n Willing: YES, Golden Rescue's Mission of Love is thriving and still going strong! To date, we have rescued almost 250 out-of-country Golden Retrievers ~ or as we sometimes call them, our Global Golden Retrievers. We now use flight volunteers who are travelling on direct flights to bring our rescued Golden Retrievers to Toronto. Flight volunteers are allowed two to three Golden Retrievers per person on each flight. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of our flight volunteers who so generously help us out this way. If you are interested in adopting one of these precious souls, please fill in an online application and indicate that you would like an 'out-of-country' Golden Retriever. One of our volunteers will contact you and take it from there! Thank you for your interest in our Rescue Mission of Love. As long as there are Golden Retrievers out there who need us, we will try to come to their rescue ~ one Golden Retriever at a time! Goldie

Dear Goldie: What can you suggest to protect my Golden Retriever's pads from salt and cold? Baby it's cold out there! Adele's Dad

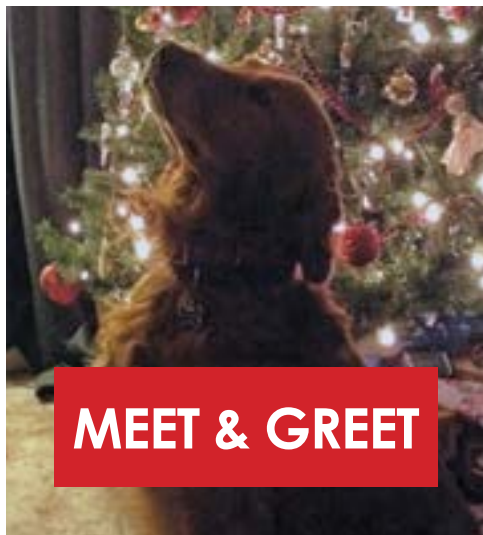
Dear Adele's Dad: Well it's that time of the year again ~ just plain ol' cold.

Sometimes we might not like it very much, but Golden Retrievers usually love being outside and you're right to want to protect Adele's pads from the ice and salt. First thing to consider is a good 'pawdicure' ~ keeping the fur between the paw pads short so that snowballs and ice don't collect there during your walk. If snow and ice do build up between her pads you might have to remove these a few times on a particularly snowy day in order to keep Adele comfy and moving forward. Also, there are lots of booties available in many styles. Yes, it does sometimes take a bit of persistence to get them on and it might take some convincing to get Adele to keep them on, but with a little love and some treats, you should win the battle and keep those paws frost free. And remember to always wash off salt and ice from her paws and check for any splits or cracks in the pads which may require additional attention. Good luck this winter. Adele will love you even more for keeping her tootsies toasty!

Dear Goldie: We've been thinking about surprising our children with a puppy for Christmas. We know their eyes would light up and they'd be overjoyed with a cuddly little furball to play with. What do you think? Puppy Surprise

Dear Puppy Surprise: Adding a puppy to your family during the holidays can be a bit unsettling ~ for the family and especially for the puppy. The best time to bring a puppy into his new home is during a routine-friendly time of the year so your furry newcomer knows what to expect and is able to adapt





MEET & GREET

Copper #2207

When I got the long-awaited phone call from Golden Rescue two years ago, I was told that Copper was a wonderful boy who loves everyone and everything. That was no exaggeration. He loves people. He loves life. He loves food and jumps for joy with all fours leaving the ground at meal time. He loves belly rubs, cuddles, being brushed, going on walks, camping, swimming, and of course, the Golden Rescue picnic. I am in love and so happy to be Copper's mom.

Kim

quickly. Holiday season can bring uncertainty, anxiety, and confusion with added guests, emotion-filled days, and increased commotion. Puppies need structure, consistency, patience and your full attention. As a compromise, you could present the idea to your family over the holidays, then have fun in planning for the puppy's arrival in the New Year when all of you can prepare a calm, supportive, and attentive environment. Just an FYI ~ Golden Rescue also temporarily stops all adoptions just before Christmas for all the same reasons. So you see, it's not just new puppies that need to calmly adjust to a new environment. Rescues do too! Goldie

Dear Goldie: My family seems to be paying a bit less attention to me as the holidays approach. There's so much going on. There's stuff everywhere ~ decorations, food (oh, so much food), scarves, boots, mitts scattered about. The place is going to the dogs, I think! I'm feeling like someone needs to remember that I am a curious soul who loves to explore anything that is new and wondrous, and am quite capable of sniffing, licking or eating whatever crosses my path. What advice would you give my humans to keep the house pet-friendly and help me stay out of trouble, which can be a full-time job! Curious Katie

Dear Curious Katie: The holiday season is usually over-the-top busy and your humans are understandably focused on a number of additional responsibilities. But they do need to be wary of some of the seasonal traps that we Golden, and

all dogs, can encounter. So, let's talk about tinsel for starters. It's shiny and squiggly and looks like it might be fun to play with but it most definitely is not. It's a hazard that can be very harmful if swallowed. So don't eat it and if your humans are reading this, they might be well advised to just skip this part of the decorating process. Be safe and put the tinsel away and be wary of any other tree ornaments that look like toys that could present a health hazard for your Golden. Lights and electrical cords can present hazards as well and plants like poinsettias and holly are poisonous for dogs, so don't eat those either. Also, you might see your humans do that kissing thing under the mistletoe, but guess what, it's poisonous for dogs also (the mistletoe, not the kissing). Chocolate seems to be the treat of choice for humans at this time of the year, but don't get carried away or too excited because you can't have any. Yep, it's really bad for dogs. Just 'cause they're eating it, doesn't mean you should. It can present some serious, sometimes life-threatening health issues. Humans: keep chocolate out of reach so your Golden is not tempted to see what all the fuss is about. Something else your humans can do is to ensure that there are some calm moments just for you where you get to play with your favourite toys, go for long walks or retreat to a calm place in the house when life gets a bit chaotic. Think ho-ho-holiday safety and enjoy the season! Goldie

Goldie xox

MEET & GREET

Sunny D #2604

SunnyD came into our home in June and what joy he has brought us. Sunny can best be described as cool, calm, and collected except when he sees a rabbit. Mind you, he has been taught not to chase them anymore but he still loses that cool demeanor he is famous for when he sees one. Sunny loves his walks and is a big hit in the neighbourhood. He loves family hug times and joins in enthusiastically as if he has been with us forever. Thank you Golden Rescue for sending this lovely boy to us.

Nadir, Sehba & Haider



Jenny's Journey

In June of 2010, I adopted my first Golden Retriever from Golden Rescue. Riley #1387 was my very first Golden and I could truly understand then why everyone truly loved this breed. He was eight years old and a very handsome boy with the most unique colouring. Sadly, we only got to spend 3.5 months together and suddenly one night he passed away. My heart was broken for the loss of such a beautiful boy who I only had to love for a very brief time.

January of 2011, I was browsing the available adoptions on the GR website when I came across this little girl who instantly tugged at my heartstrings ~ Jenny #1527. Such a gentle, shy, little soul and I knew instantly that we were destined to be together. I was very fortunate that we were a perfect match and Jenny joined my family on January 30th, 2011. Four years later we added another little precious girl to our family ~ a sister for Jenny. This was Kassi #2174, a happy soul who brought so much joy to our family.

This past August 9th, we had to say good-bye to Jenny. She was loved around the globe and had many friends and supporters through social media. I was approached by many and asked what they could do in memory of Jenny. Since the girls were great ambassadors for Golden Rescue volunteering at Tag Days and at The Pickering Markets, selling Wishbone Lottery tickets, and recently having a toy drive for the Istanbul Golden, I decided that through any donations received we would help sponsor a Golden girl from Istanbul in Jenny's memory. That was the beginning of the fundraiser 'Jenny's Journey'.

Unexpectedly five days after Jenny's passing, Kassi crossed the Rainbow Bridge. The outpouring of love and support in memory of Jenny and Kassi was beyond anything I could ever have imagined. In honour of the girls, we were hoping to be able to help sponsor a little girl from Istanbul and allow her to have a wonderful life here and to be loved forever.

In early September, I was advised by Golden Rescue that we had not only met our goal of helping to bring one girl from Istanbul but had, in fact, raised enough to sponsor three Goldies from Istanbul. My heart was beaming, to say the least.

The Golden Retrievers were to be named Riley, Jenny, and Kassi in honour of my three from Golden Rescue. What an honour!

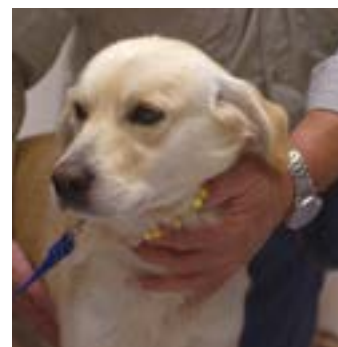
On the evening of September 15th, I had the privilege of being at the airport when Riley #2666, Jenny #2667, and Kassi #2668 arrived after a very long flight from Istanbul.

As each gorgeous pup emerged from their crates, tails wagging, I was in awe about their resiliency and proud to be part of this Rescue Mission of Love. Three beautiful Golden Retrievers were beginning their new life in Canada where they would be safe and loved forever. It was a beautiful evening that I will remember and cherish forever. Thank you to everyone who was a part of Jenny's Journey.

Nancy

In loving memory of Riley #1387, Jenny #1527 & Kassi #2174

The newbies (below L to R): Riley #2666, Jenny #2667 & Kassi #2668



The originals: Kassi #2174 & Jenny #1527

Help Us Help Goldens – Consider Volunteering!

Golden Rescue continues to grow and evolve...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. You never have to ask for a donation ~ we simply have a 'Please Donate' sign and donation jar in full view.

Transport:

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 and beyond picking up our precious cargo from their previous homes, shelters, vet offices, airports, etc. and driving them to their foster families. Sometimes this trip is short and can be done by one person and other times the distance is greater, requiring volunteers to work as a relay team, picking up or dropping off at identified locations along the way. Obviously, this is a very important task. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and be willing to use their own car.

Home Visits:

Potential foster or adopting families require a home visit. You would visit these temporary

and permanent families and spend about 30 minutes engaging in conversation and asking some questions from the questionnaire we provide to you to guide the conversation. When you return home, you are asked to fill out the home visit form and email it to the volunteer who contacted you.

TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Hotline Team Members

Golden Rescue has a hotline where individuals can leave messages regarding any aspect of the organization ~ from being interested in a Golden on the website to making a financial donation. Our mandate is to respond to all messages within a three to four-hour period. We are currently seeking two to three individuals who would be available to join our hotline team. You would be responsible for responding to all incoming messages and either assist the caller by answering their question or forward the caller's information, on a timely and accurate basis, to the appropriate volunteer. You will be provided with all the training and information needed to fulfill these responsibilities. Obviously, good communication skills are a must. This role is a great opportunity to learn about the entire Golden Rescue organization as you will be dealing with many different volunteers from many different teams. **Estimated time commitment:** approximately one week every six to seven weeks and about 30 minutes each day

Transport Team Back-Up

We need a passionate Golden lover on our transport team. You will arrange the transporting of Goldens from our extensive list of avid transport volunteers. The main requirement is frequently checking emails in order to ensure prompt service to our operations team. If you're interested, our transport team lead who would train and mentor you, would like to chat with you about the role. **Estimated time commitment: 5-6 hours per month**

Volunteer Coordinators

Volunteer Coordinators are vital members of the Golden Rescue team. They are responsible for the recruitment and coordination of volunteers, two legged and four legged, for our events. These events occur April to December and are important for fundraising and building awareness. It is our goal that each VC will have 3-4 events to manage during the year, which can be done remotely and involves mostly emails with some phone work starting about two months prior to the event. **Estimated time commitment: 6-8 hours per event**

Are You a Retired Educator or Active in Education?

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. Additionally, you would help develop age-appropriate presentations, deliver presentations and/or work with Golden Rescue's Education Team lead to find volunteer presenters. **Estimated time commitment:** roughly 10 hours per month and availability during school hours is ideal

Baloo #2389

Our Baloo is handsome and charming and he knows it. Our majestic boy has a marvellous smile that can melt your heart. He spends at least half of his day on his back with his ball firmly planted between his front paws held high above his head. Our friendly giant loves meeting all new people and dogs and will happily reach out his paw to greet you. A crazy swimmer and fetcher, Baloo is ready to start each day believing it's a new and exciting adventure. He has stolen our hearts and we are smitten. We are also very proud of the fact that Baloo is Mr. November in the 2018 calendar...and he's on his back in that photo of course.

Patricia & Robert

MEET & GREET



THANK YOU
for coming to
the rescue!



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 Golden Retrievers with behavioural issues (i.e. food/toy guarding) and families without any other dogs or cats in-house. If you are interested, please fill out a foster application online at www.goldenrescue.ca.

Please forward our appeal to anyone you know who might help.



Golden Retrievers Can Now Benefit from Your Reward Points

We are thrilled to announce Golden Rescue's alliances with Aeroplan, CIBC Rewards, Scotia Rewards, Shoppers Optimum, and Vancity Rewards. Now you can donate your reward points from these programs to Golden Rescue.

Reward points received by Golden Rescue will be redeemed as gift certificates for fundraising or to purchase enticing gifts for auction at our annual picnic or prizes for our Wishbone lottery. Your points donation is also eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Watch for more information on Facebook and our website, but for now, here's what you need to know...

To donate Aeroplan rewards: Log in to your account online. Click on "Use Your Miles" and then "Donate" and then search for Golden Rescue, or simply copy this URL into your browser, which will take you directly to the Golden Rescue donation page. <https://beyondmiles.aeroplan.com/eng/charity/1130>

Also, each charitable donation made through a member donation will be topped up by a 10% contribution from Aeroplan. This applies for all donations to all accounts, all the time.

To donate CIBC & Scotia Rewards: Log in to your account, select a CanadaHelps reward amount, and follow the instructions provided.

To donate Vancity Rewards (Vancity is a Vancouver-based financial company)

Log in to your account or call 1.866.661.3377. Provide the Charitable Registration Number: 88810 1128 RR0001 and the number of points you wish to donate.

To donate Shopper's Optimum: Log in to your account, click "Donate/Transfer Points" and Golden Rescue is in the drop down under "Donate Points to a Charity"

Please consider making your points work for our Golden Retrievers ~ yet another way to help future Golden Retrievers in need.

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Gus #2614



Daisy #2618



Buddy #2625



Bailey #2627



Niko #2633



Malik #2643



Jess #2650



Gus #2654

Auguste #2623
8-year-old male
Adopted by Lynda & Vaughan

Bailey #2627
6-year-old female
Adopted by Joan & John

Bear #2568
3.5-year-old male
Adopted by Leonard

Buddy #2625
5-year-old male
Adopted by Paula & Bill

Daisy #2618
8-year-old female
Adopted by Karin & Bob

Ella #2635
8-9-month-old female
Adopted by Tammy & Justin

Finnigan #2632
2-year-old male
Adopted by Elizabeth & Michael

Gus #2614
3-year-old male
Adopted by Ingrid & Greg

Gus #2654
9-year-old male
Adopted by Sterling & Leo

Jacob #2636
1-year-old female
Adopted by Norah & Ian

Jess #2650
4-year-old female
Adopted by Anna & Dennis

Kele #2630
3-year-old female
Adopted by Karen

Luna #2644
8-year-old female
Adopted by Marg

Malik #2643
5-year-old male
Adopted by Nancy

Molly #2609
2.5-year-old female
Adopted by Zoe & Mark

Niko #2633
8-year-old male
Adopted by Kevin

Shiloh #2617
2-year-old female
Adopted by Wanetta & Dan

Spencer #2659
3-year-old male
Adopted by Terri & Denis

Welcome
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Goldens!



Hutch #1712 & Ruby



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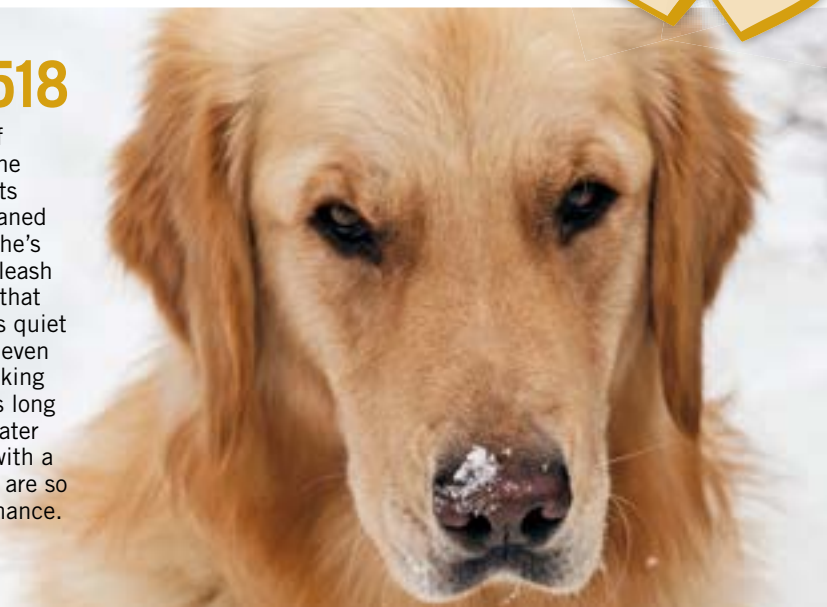
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Meet & Greet: Sherman #2518

When Sherman arrived from Istanbul, he was skinny and full of fleas but he still had a bounce in his step when he got out of the crate. He was thought to be around two years of age but our vets think he is much younger, closer to one. Once this boy was cleaned up and gained weight, he simply blossomed...so much so that he's Mr. February in the 2018 calendar. He was already house and leash trained and this smart boy was a bit nippy with other dogs but that has totally diminished. What a wonderful smart boy he is. He is quiet and sweet and adores people, children, cats, and birds and he even swims beside ducks and geese ignoring them completely. Speaking of swimming, that is his most favourite thing. He will stay in as long as you let him and a cookie won't even entice him out of the water until he's ready to come on his own. He is quite a ladies man with a harem of girlfriends who seem to love our Turkish Treasure. We are so grateful to Golden Rescue for giving this lovely boy a second chance.

Ilona



Buddy's Golf Tournament



For several years we have celebrated our love of Goldens by hosting an annual golf tournament with our friends.

It has become an annual tradition that everyone looks forward to. Early in August, a full field of 144 golfers take to the links for fun and friendship and to support Golden Rescue. For more than eight years, our friends have raised funds to help support Goldens in need.

In 2008, we were blessed to have a beautiful, sweet boy, Buddy #1021, join our family thanks to Golden Rescue. Buddy was a handsome, gentle, lovable, kind soul and the caregiver for our family. Wherever we went, Buddy was always on the lookout watching to make sure we were safe. He loved hikes in the woods by our house, ice-cream, playing in the garden, swimming, trips to Florida, and most of all, he loved his brother, Tahoe.

In February of this year, at 14, our sweet boy passed over the Rainbow Bridge. Our hearts are still heavy at losing such a wonderful, forever friend. Once again, our friends were there to honour Buddy and took to the links to remember and celebrate this beautiful boy. We are thankful to Golden Rescue for its important work connecting these beautiful souls with their forever families.

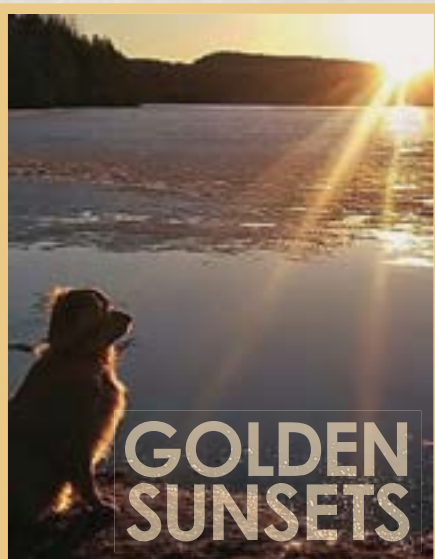
Wendy & John

Top Left: Buddy #1021

Left: On your mark, get set, GOLF!

Below: Tristan Hickey, Tatum O'Keefe, Grace Hickey, Hailey O'Keefe sold raffle tickets in support of Golden Rescue.





Bailey #2040

With a very heavy heart, we're letting you know that Bailey passed away surrounded by his family. Bailey stole our hearts the moment we met him. He was such an enthusiastic boy who loved swimming, walking, playing ball, and especially loved lots of cuddles from his family. He will be sadly missed by **Katherine, Ron, Ian, Cameron, Colin & his sister Cali #2039**

Jenny #1527 & Kassi #2174

Jenny and Kassi will always be held close to the hearts of many who loved them from near and far away. Their fashion statements, day-to-day shenanigans, and passion for Golden Rescue brought us all much joy and laughter. We miss you beautiful Furgirls. **Patti**

Jenny #1527 & Kassi #2174

To say that Jenny and Kassi are missed by so many is an understatement. I remember the day we picked up a pathetic Jenny and oh, what a life she had after that. I'm sure that Jenny and Kassi are doing daily fashion shows on the Bridge and we will all have smiles in our hearts whenever we think of the two girls who lived life to the fullest. May we all do the same! **Viive**

Murphy #1817

We are so grateful to Deb & Ron for taking Murphy out of the cold where his gentle spirit had been broken. You embraced him with much love and attention. He thrived and became a happy, healthy, handsome boy. RIP Sweet Murphy. **Patti**

Sandy #1688

Sandy came to us at 2.5 years old as a long-term foster with acute pulmonic stenosis. Her life expectancy was three to five years. When she crossed the Rainbow Bridge, she was seven years and ten months old. The vet considered her a 'Miracle Girl'. She had her own fan club at the vet's office. Sandy, aka Sandy Lion, was a pretty and petite girl who was called by some the 'Marilyn Monroe of Golden's'. Sandy was a HAPPY girl who regarded everything as exciting and wonderful. Her tail was always arched in a plume over her back. She loved to roll ~ on the grass, on leaves, in the snow. Whenever she left the house she found one or more sticks to chew and sneak into the house. She carried these sticks like a cigar. Intensely curious, she supervised everything you did and buried her head in any purse, parcel or bag that came into the house. Special treats were carrots, celery, and watermelon. Sandy's friend, Phil, our cat, was permitted to groom her eyebrows and snuggle against her tummy but never to touch her paws. We loved you so much Sandy. **Hillary, Jim & Phil will always miss you.**

Sandy #1688

Dear Hillary, Jim & Phil. Sandy was very lucky and so loved. What could be better than spending days searching for birds in the shrubs, going for car rides, short walks, greeting neighbours, visiting Grandma, and having wonderful snoozes while Phil groomed her. And let's not forget hedgehog, her favourite stuffy that brought her so much joy. She was a beautiful, lovely girl with a gentle soul. Thank you for giving her the best years of her life. **Patti & Viive**



Smiley ~ A Remarkable Life

He gained world-wide celebrity with a rescue story about resilience. He had 204,000 Instagram followers. And he was famous for his infectious smile and an innate ability to help others. Everyone loved Smiley, whether they had met him or not, but those who felt his magic, loved him even more. During his years as a therapy dog, he comforted hospital patients, children with autism, and residents in nursing homes, intuitively knowing that he could offer hope to humans in the same way he was given hope by his forever family when he was rescued. From all of us at Golden Rescue, we offer our sincere condolences to the George family and will never forget the Golden who could see with his heart.

Ziggy #1155

Ziggy #1155 came into our lives eight years ago. We quickly discovered his quirky and headstrong personality was going to give us a run for our money. What we didn't expect was how quickly he would steal our hearts and entrench himself into our lives. We were so proud to have Ziggy featured in the Golden Reflections 25 Year Anniversary Book (page 123/124). His was quite the story. We are heartbroken to tell you that on August 12, 2017, Ziggy left us for that trip across the Rainbow Bridge taking a huge piece of our hearts with him but leaving behind an immeasurable trove of memories that we will cherish always. **Denis & Terri**

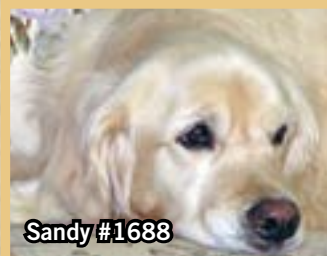
If love alone could have kept you here, you would have lived forever!



Bailey #2040



Murphy #1817



Sandy #1688



Ziggy #1155

Thank You!



FOSTERS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, ADOPTERS!

*...for another year of working **TOGETHER** to rescue and rehome **GOLDENS** who needed a second chance! There are always some difficult or sad situations but most were filled with **JOY** and our rescued **GOLDENS** have found their forever **FAMILIES** because of all of your selfless efforts. On behalf of our **GOLDENS**, we are grateful for your dedication, commitment, passion, and hard work. Without all of you there would be no **GOLDEN RESCUE** ~ thank you!!!*

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Woaf woaf!

**Hey. You're
awesome!**

