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George Burns #2267



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



www.goldenrescuestore.ca



Charlie #2675

Charlie has adapted really well to his new home in Canada. It only took him about a week after his 'trains, planes, and automobiles' trek to settle in and believe he was safe and loved. He is really wonderful and we couldn't have asked for a more wonderful Golden. It took him a while to understand snow but now he loves it and jumps around like a rabbit and sometimes runs so fast he trips over his own paws. He has even taken to rolling in the white stuff. Our other Golden, Nike, and Charlie get along so well. I can't wait to see if Charlie likes to play in the water. We have a pool and our family has a cottage on a lake. Overall, Charlie has adapted extremely well. Although he is apparently six years old, he still looks like a big puppy. He is simply adorable, lovable, and cute! He is loved by everyone he meets and is very gentle with the little ones. With Nike and Charlie, I think we have two perfect Golden Retrievers! Thank you again for giving us the opportunity and pleasure of providing Charlie with a loving home.

Lucie & Luc





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The Front Cover

George Burns #2267 ~ Not only did Georgie find happiness in another city, but on another continent! He arrived at JFK International Airport from Istanbul on January 14, 2015. And so, his new life began with many adventures to follow. Georgie's transition has been incredible ~ from fearful and shy to outgoing, curious, and fun-loving. People who meet this little Tripawd are not to tell him he is missing a leg ~ he believes all other dogs have too many legs. Read more about Georgie, who is featured in our Healing & Hope insert.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.
George Burns

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

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

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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

Help Us Help Golden Retrievers – 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 Golden Retrievers. If you are interested in volunteering at an upcoming event, please visit and "like" our Golden Rescue Facebook page and our website at <http://goldenrescue.ca/news-events/events> to view our upcoming schedule, and feel free to reach out to volunteering@goldenrescue.ca any time you see an event of interest to you.

Transport:

Toronto-Kingston Corridor & Quebec

Transport help is always needed to move our Golden Retrievers from their past to their future new lives. To do this, volunteer drivers travel the province picking up our precious cargo from their previous homes, shelters, vet offices, etc. and driving them to their foster homes. 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.

If you are organized and like talking to or emailing supporters/volunteers, this may be right up your alley. Here's how it works. You would get a list of GR supporters and you would contact them and encourage them to help us sell tickets. The books each have 20 tickets but even if they sold 10 that would be a big help. You are asking them to contact their friends and family to sell some tickets for a great cause. Part of this responsibility would include monitoring the success of your tickets sellers and managing the disbursement of tickets to get them to where they are most needed. We have a team to support your efforts and it is mostly done by email. **Estimated time commitment:** 10-15 hours at the onset of the lottery (likely June) and then a few hours here and there to follow-up

TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Wishbone Lottery Team

The Wishbone Lottery is our biggest, most important fundraiser. In fact, without it, we would be seriously hampered with our rescue efforts as the more money we raise, the more Golden Retrievers we can help. Over the last four years we have been successful selling tickets but to continue this success we need your help.

Do you think you can help us help Golden Retrievers? They're counting on you...and so are we. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please let us know by emailing teamresources@goldenrescue.ca

Foster Families

We continue to have Golden Retrievers coming into our care! **We particularly need foster families throughout Ontario and Quebec who are willing to take Golden Retrievers with medical or behavioural issues, families without any other dogs or cats in-house or families who are willing to foster a pair.**

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. If you are interested in fostering, please fill out a foster application online at www.goldenrescue.ca. Once you've filled out an application, a volunteer will contact you to clarify any points, answer any questions you might have, and arrange for a home visit.

Thank you for coming to the rescue of a needy Golden!



New Year's Challenge

This year, for the very first time, the Golden Rescue Education and Advocacy Team introduced a 'New Year's Social Media Challenge'. Over the course of seven days, the Golden Rescue Education and Advocacy Team, challenged our social media followers to take action by making donations, spreading the word about animal rescue, visiting an animal shelter and engaging in fulsome discussions about the importance of rescue. Needless to say, the challenges were a huge success. However, it was our final 'challenge' that proved to be the most memorable, as we asked our social media followers to reflect on how they have been moved, inspired, or perhaps inspired others. Had they learned something new? Did they have a surprising experience? We asked them to share!

Tony Strickland, a Golden Rescue supporter, responded to this challenge in the most heartfelt way. His poignant reflection serves as a reminder of why every animal, every Golden, deserves a second chance. Here is what he wrote:

As I sit here on a very sad evening, saying our last goodbye to our first rescue Katie, I have had time for personal reflection.

I have pondered why we as a family rescue. Why we choose to give a dog a second chance for a happy life versus choosing a puppy. And if my girls have taught me anything, it is that the love of a rescue goes so much deeper than anything I could have ever imagined. Even though they are only with us a short time, they teach us so much about unconditional love. They teach us patience and forgiveness. And for that, I am forever grateful.

I have thought of the many reasons we volunteer ~ to be even the smallest part of giving these beautiful souls a fresh chance at life. Whether it be through transport or fundraising or raising awareness, it means so much to them. And as I have always said "everything we do is for the dogs".

I have spent many days talking to friends and families about why they should rescue instead of buying from a pet store or online ads. I use my girls, Katie and Rosie, to help explain that rescue dogs are not bad dogs. Some just have unfortunate situations and, through no fault of their own, end up in need of a forever family. And with love and patience, they can learn to trust and love again. Our latest Golden, Mercedes #2505, is also a perfect example of this...coming from the streets of Istanbul to becoming a Therapy Dog and bringing smiles to everyone she visits.

I have had the privilege of giving four dogs a second chance and will always continue to do everything possible to educate others to do the same. #AdoptDontShop is our way of life.

I write this tonight in memory of my two Golden's ~ Rosie who passed last year and Katie who we will say goodbye to tomorrow, for everything they have taught me about why give a dog a second chance. They were the best dogs anyone could ever hope to have in the family.

*With kindest regards,
Tony*

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Hey kids...don’t harass the servants!”

“Let Me In!”



“I Need To Go Back Out Again!”



Buy a commemorative date in the 2019 calendar!

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

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

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



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

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



Calling for Photos!

We need Golden pictures for future newsletters, our 2019 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.



The 44th Annual Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade in Peterborough

On December 2nd, Golden Rescue participated in Peterborough's 44th Santa Claus Parade, which attracted 10,000 people. We had 12 Golden Rescue volunteers and seven gorgeous Golden Retrievers decked out in Christmas attire...and they were a hit! We were well-recognized by the crowd because of our exposure on the Rick Mercer Report. Our reception was very heartening. A handful of Weldon Secondary School students marched with us and handed out 'home alone' cards and candy canes with 'Merry Christmas from Golden Rescue' tags on them. We handed out 1,200 pieces and actually ran out before the parade was over. Everyone had so much fun and it was great exposure for Golden Rescue. Thank you to everyone who participated!



MEET & GREET

Jack #2539

Jack came all the way from Istanbul and had a bit of a rocky start in Canada. It took a while before he found where he was destined to be...with us! You see, he did have a few issues but one of them was that he had more Chow in him than Golden. When we saw him on the GR website, we couldn't believe it as we had recently lost our Chow/Lab cross who we loved dearly and we were looking to share our home with another who desperately needed us. Dear Jack fit the bill perfectly. These days Jack is an 80-pound puppy who performs the magic trick of making two cups of food disappear in the blink of an eye. After his unlucky run before coming to Canada, Jack is settling in beautifully, getting more relaxed and loving each day. These days his worst habit is his snoring, something GR should definitely have disclosed beforehand (LOL).

Derek & family



MEET & GREET
Jasper #2426

Jasper is loving his new home in Regina, SK and he loves the snow and the really cold weather ~ he is the star of the neighborhood in his booties. Jasper is the sweetest, calmest, most loving boy. He had a bit of separation anxiety when we first brought him home, but he's over that. He's a bit of a momma's boy (okay...a lot), loves his food, ignores our cat, loves the lake, completely ignores toys, hates small rooms like the laundry room (must have some history there,

we suspect), and absolutely refuses to lick anyone's face despite our best efforts. But he loves everyone and every dog and always has a smile and his tail wag-ready. He's quite a character and we love him to pieces. Thank you SO much for the extra effort you took to match us with him when we were travelling to Ontario. He's been the perfect fit for our family.

Anna & Roger

Give the Gift of Rescue

Looking for the ultimate gift for the person who has everything ~ for a birthday, anniversary...for any reason actually?

Why not give the Gift of Rescue and give a Golden a warm bed, a good meal, a kind heart, and a loving forever family. That's what your gift can do!

We've made gift-giving effortless! All you do is make a donation...and we'll do the rest. We will send your Gift of Rescue certificate directly to you by

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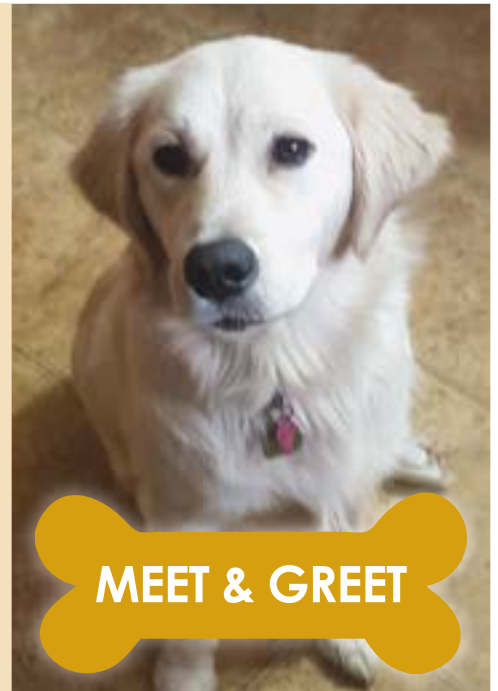
Go to our website and download the Gift of Rescue order form!

Thank you from our heart to yours!

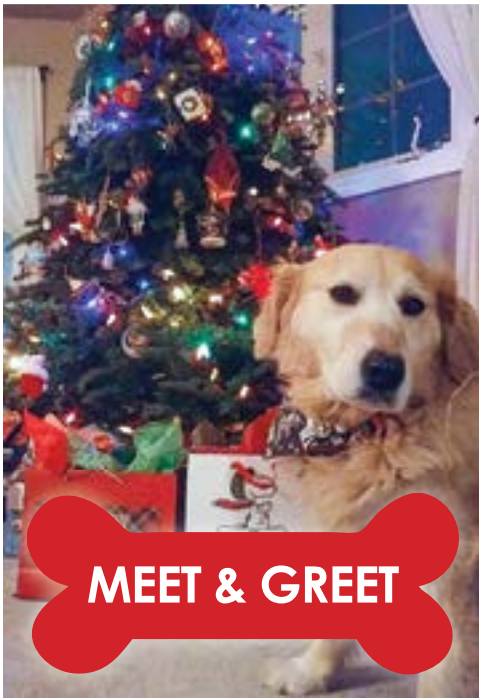
Ella #2635

Ella came from the streets of Istanbul last August with the name of Andrea Martin. We waited with breathless anticipation and nervousness to meet our new street pup. It was love at first sight the moment we saw her. Ella was a typical pup with typical puppy ways but she was eager to learn and appeared so grateful to be given a second chance. In no time at all, she was running free in our backyard and following our commands easily. What a joy she has become and what a wonderful addition to our family. Ella also works hard at keeping our senior Golden young-at-heart. Seeing the two of them together is beautiful and such a joy. Being a part of the Rescue Mission of Love has been a wonderfully positive experience for us and we would not hesitate doing it again.

Tammy



MEET & GREET



Dasher #2536

Dasher, as you might guess by his name, came to Canada at Christmas time from the streets of Istanbul. When he first arrived, he was in a pretty sad state ~ fleas, eight broken teeth, a skin infection, underweight, and very sad eyes. One year later, Dasher is a walking miracle. Initially nervous of other dogs, Dasher went to school and absolutely aced it. Nowadays he wanders around the house saying to himself, "Wow ~ a cushy bed, a backyard, daily walks, toys, a kong filled with peanut butter, lots of love, and two squares a day! Looks like it's Christmas every day in Canada".

Sue



What a Difference a Golden Can Make

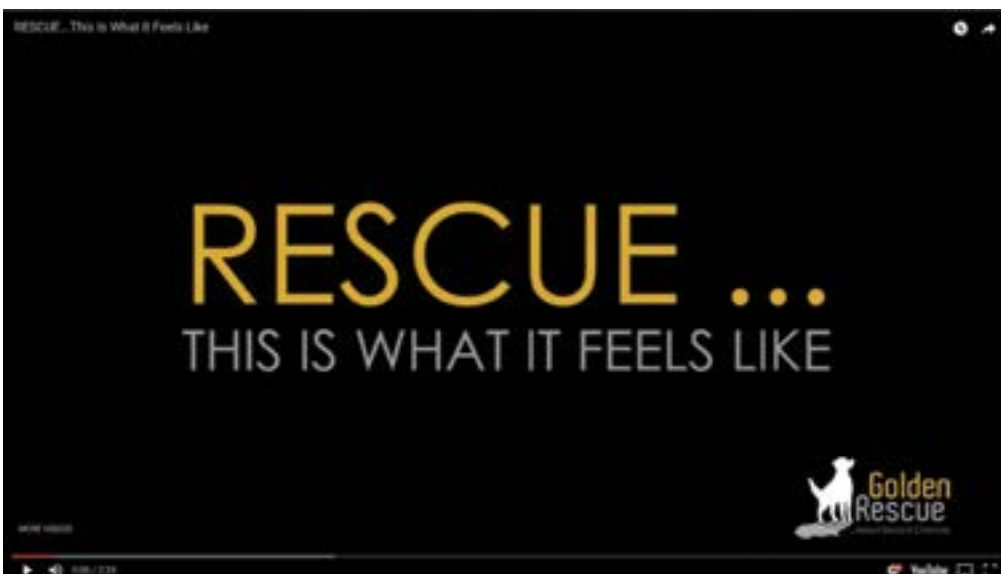
Sawyer #1741, my wonderful Golden and therapy dog, is ending his fourth semester at Northwestern High School. He will begin his fifth on February 5th. While doing our regular morning service at the school one day, we greeted one of the students assigned to us who looked very glum. He has several exceptionalities and does not communicate feelings very well; however, Sawyer invited this young lad (a grade 10 student) to join him for a snuggle and as I leant down close by, he confided to me that his 'Poppa' had died last night ~ his grandfather. I quietly spoke with him about how that made me feel so sad and he opened up and told me how he was feeling. Sawyer seemed to sense the somber mood and got right in there with his big eyes and muzzle and proceeded to give the student his undivided love and attention for the next 35 minutes. When we departed for our next scheduled assignment, our young friend had calm eyes and a big smile ~ he thanked his friend Sawyer for caring about him.

Peter & Sawyer #1741



Golden Rescue launches a new video...

Golden Rescue has created a new video. Its purpose? To express, with music and pictures 'what rescue feels like'. All of you who selflessly donate your time and resources to help our wonderful Golden Retrievers get the second chance they deserve know very well what rescue feels like and we're sure you have many stories and feelings that underscore what it feels like. We hope this video captures some of those emotions with an original song that accompanies a story in pictures of our superstars ~ our beloved Golden Retrievers. This video will be sent to all potential adopters and fosters to help them understand why rescuing is so important, and in our opinion, the best choice. Please take a minute to view it from our website or Facebook page. We hope you like it. If you do, please share it with your friends and family as we want to 'share the love' and let everyone experience What Rescue Feels Like.





askGoldie
Goldie #654



M@il Retriever

Dear Goldie: Why are cars named after every animal imaginable except a dog? We have a Jaguar, Cougar, Mustang, Colt, Stingray, and even a Rabbit but NO dog. Not only that, I can guarantee you that not a single one of those animals have ever been in a car whereas most of us LOVE the car! What's going on? Head-out-the-window-Oakley

Dear Oakley: You are absolutely right. I don't know why car companies have excluded us. After all, we are man's best friend. I have written to Chrysler and asked them to consider changing the name of the Chrysler Eagle to the Chrysler Beagle, which I admit isn't exactly enticing. But the Subaru Golden has a lovely ring to it. Paws crossed that they think of us soon!

Dear Goldie: My family has a cat. I have noticed that, on the rare occasion, I can get to the cat's food bowl without getting my eyes scratched out. Their food tastes SO much better than ours. Even after they throw it up it's yummier than ours. What's up with that? Mimi's big brother

Dear Mimi: I share your pain. Yes, cat food is definitely more delicious than our stuff. Here's why. It contains a lot more fat and heavy doses of fat and the caloric density aren't good for our waistlines or our gastrointestinal tracts (are you impressed with my big words?). Cat food is not properly balanced for us in terms of fiber and protein and certain nutrients. It can be hard on our liver and kidneys to have so much protein. I know it doesn't seem fair and it seems like cats are getting preferential treatment but remember...cats rarely get to ride in the car. They never get to swim in the lake with their family

and they for sure never get invited to the Golden Rescue picnic.

Dear Goldie: My mom gets worried every time I get a dry, warm nose. She frets and sometimes takes me to the vet yet I feel totally fine. How come? Nosey Rosie

Dear Rosie: Yes, this happens quite a lot. The reality is that a dry, warm nose can be a sign that we are not well but it can also be nothing. Our noses can go from wet and cool to warm and dry many times a day; however, if the texture changes (i.e. dry and crusty) or the colour changes (i.e. loses pigmentation), then there is usually something wrong. If our noses remain dry for an extended period of time and other symptoms (i.e. lethargy, decreased appetite) persist, then these are usually signs of a problem. Try and relate to your mom the next time your nose is dry and warm to just wait an hour or two before she panics. If that doesn't work, go out and rub your nose in the snow and come right back in. Your nose will be cold and wet every single time (teehee).

Dear Goldie: My family sometimes use strong smelling stuff on me and it bothers me. Sometimes mom's perfume bothers me too and so does that irritating room spray! Once, after a bath, dad sprayed me all over with stuff and I didn't like it one little bit. What to do! Chanel (not to be confused with Chanel No. 5)

Dear Chanel: Our families sometimes don't realize that our sense of smell is actually a thousand times more sensitive than theirs. Strong smelling sprays are particularly hard on us. Ask your mom and dad to spray stuff on a cloth and apply it that

way ~ it would sure help, wouldn't it? Try showing them you don't like strong smells by shaking your head. They might get the hint and if the sprays are not directed at you, leave the room.

Dear Goldie: Sometimes when I'm outside I eat grass. I thought cows were the only ones who did that ~ is it okay or should I stop? Grazing Gracie

Dear Gracie: Yes, I do this too. Don't worry. Sometimes we eat grass because we have a tummy problem and it helps. A few times it might be because we have a parasite or an infection and it makes us feel better. But sometimes my doc told me it's simply because we like grass. So, don't worry Gracie...graze when you feel like it!

Dear Goldie: I know we all have whiskers but I've always wondered why. Should we trim them or what would happen if we didn't have them at all? Winston

Dear Winston: Whiskers are a very important part of our body. They are highly sensitive and can communicate certain emotions such as fear or friendliness. They also inform us of surrounding objects and can even indicate if we are nervous or scared. So, keep those whiskers and don't trim them!

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!

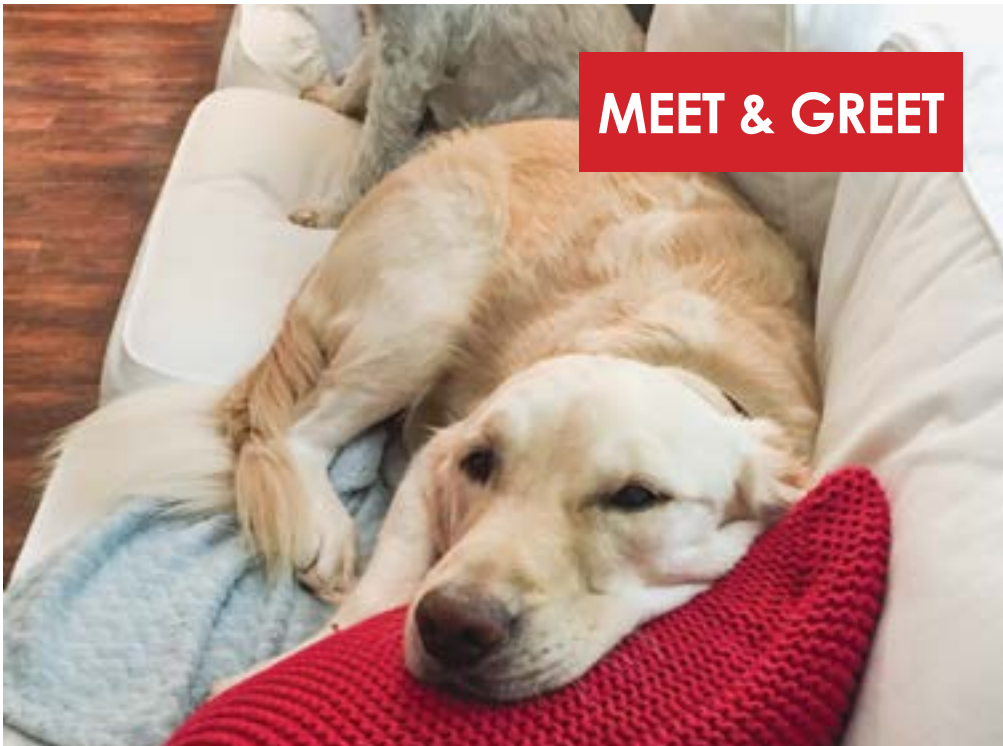


MEET & GREET

Clancy #2554

Clancy, our handsome, handsome boy, is progressing very well. After he graduated from obedience school, it was suggested he would be a good therapy dog so we are enrolling him there. The words I, and others, use to describe Clancy are: sweet, affectionate, smart, and loving. He loves all people and most dogs but for no apparent reason he can be grumpy with some. He can also be a bit stubborn on his walks if he thinks a longer one is in order. What a character, but hey, at least he is articulating his needs, right? He loves his cushy bed or sometimes he goes into his crate for a nap. At night we often find him sleeping in our room by the door where he can keep an eye on us. He has brought so much love to our home and he makes us laugh with his gentle ways. He is truly a treasure!

Debra



MEET & GREET

Petey #2661

Petey is a new member of our family and what a wonderful, cuddly, happy boy he is. He has settled in really well. What a beautiful soul and I want to thank you for two wonderful things. Firstly, thank you for choosing us to be the lucky parents of Petey. Until we brought him home, we did not realize how much we missed having a furkid in our home. He has filled a huge void with so much love. We are looking forward to making many wonderful memories with him. Secondly, we are so impressed with the Golden Rescue organization ~ you could not be more helpful!

Sue



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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 15th
Viamede Resort – Stoney Lake in the Kawarthas



Bowden #1241 with Seamus



Bowden #1241 with his family & Hailey #2195

Where Was I Looking?

By Jillian Stewart

“Where was I looking while you were growing up?” While I have often heard parents and family use this phrase to describe the ever-fleeting moments of a childhood, I recently had this thought while looking into the soft brown eyes of my beloved Golden, Bowden #1241.

Bowden is thankfully still lying comfortably under my feet as he has through so many hours and years while I work away in my office. He is about nine years now, having come to us via Golden Rescue as a rowdy one-year-old, rescued from the horrid confines of a puppy mill in Quebec. Bowden introduced me to a love of all things rescue and taught me life lessons about the ability to overcome, not to look too long at the past, and to always maintain a twinkle in your eye. Our ‘first born’ and spoiled as such, Bowden has rarely left my side.

During the years, Bowden has shared with me my highest of highs and quietly sat with me in my darkest of hours. He has always been quick to provide comedic moments,

jumping up on me in my wedding dress with muddy paws, jumping into our baby’s crib before our first child was born, and bolting into a neighbour’s house before we had the opportunity to actually meet. He has stood by me as we welcomed three beautiful children, and has shown each of them the most tender loving care imaginable.

I say all of this with the proverbial lump in my throat as we navigate his golden years ~ time that has brought a white face, some difficulty on stairs, and a slower gait. It is in these moments that I wonder where I have been looking while time continued to tick on. Still, I am grateful for the small moments when I see the flecks of his more youthful self ~ when he jumps on my bed to snuggle, when my husband walks in the door from work, when Bowden hears the jingle of his leash, and in his boundless joy playing in the first snowfall of the year.

As I reflected a few years ago with the loss of our Skyler, to love a senior Golden is to

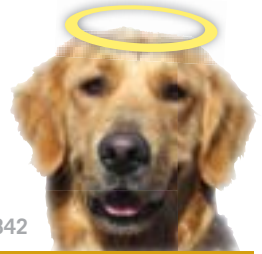
know the hidden gems of the rescue world and a loyalty like no other. To those who have recently lost, I wish you the warmest of memories to fill your heart once the heartache subsides. And to those who are guarding against the hands of time, I wish you many quiet moments of love and connection with your loved one, when you can look into the eyes of your sweet senior and see the wisdom of the world staring back at you.

Bowden, you are the truest friend in every single meaning of the word ~ loyal, loving, tender, sunny, and non-judging. To you, my sweet Bowden, I owe you so many of my most treasured moments, joy, and fortitude to march on. Know how greatly, deeply, and ever-lasting you have touched my life.

As I sit here with a tear in my eye from reminiscing the past and a sense of foreboding of the future, Bowden has come to comfort me. But that is just him. Thank you. I shall treasure this moment for always, dear friend.

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

Betty-Ann, Mike & Max Blackwell

Betty-Ann and Mike's love affair with Golden Retrievers goes back to 1991 when they did a lot of research to find the perfect dog for their family. They decided on a Wheaten Terrier and went to the dog show to find out more about their chosen breed. As they entered the show, the first booth they saw was a booth for Golden Retrievers. As they say, the rest is history. Between 1991 and 2105, they had a family of four Golden Retrievers, all who crossed the Rainbow Bridge and three tragically died all around the same time. Betty-Ann was so heartbroken she said, "no more dogs, it's too painful". Luckily Mike persisted and in March 2015, Poseidon #2313 (now Max) unceremoniously entered their life from Istanbul. Betty-Ann and Mike were at the airport waiting to get a little two-year-old girl but when they saw a woman struggling with big Poseidon, they did a very kind thing ~ they switched...with GR's permission of course. This was a magnificent gesture as Poseidon (Max) was big, dirty, and smelly with hotspots and bites all over his overweight body. You can watch Max's video story and transformation on Golden Rescue's Facebook page. Instinctively, Betty-Ann and Mike knew Max was a special boy and they were right. Max has healed and come around so much he is currently being considered as a St. John's Ambulance dog. Betty-Ann and Mike, along with Max, help Golden Rescue in many ways. They have volunteered at a number of events and Betty-Ann has been instrumental getting the LCBO Coin Box Program up and running. They helped organize the 2017 Picnic Photo Contest. For Betty-Ann's 60th birthday, they raised \$1,700 for Golden Rescue in lieu of gifts. The 'Gift of Rescue' program, Betty-Ann's brainchild, has started to gather steam. Mike is currently working on our Second Chance Stories, which is a monumental job and involves going through over 500 emails. Max is certainly a very lucky boy as is Golden Rescue to have met this fantastic couple.

Betty-Ann & Mike with Max #2313



Sandie Halyk

Some time after Sandie's Golden, Jessie, crossed the Rainbow Bridge she was in a florist shop petting the owner's dog. The flower shop owner happened to mention that her dog was a rescue and she did volunteer work for the organization she rescued from. Sandie wondered, at that moment, if there was a rescue group for Golden Retrievers and, after a little research, she luckily found Golden Rescue. Starting off doing LCBO and Pet Valu days, Sandie graduated into helping us with follow-up calls for our very important 'Adopter Follow-Up Program' where we check on how our Golden Retrievers are doing and if our adopters have any questions or need any help. More recently, Sandie joined our Hotline team. Sandie loves working with Golden Rescue and says, "It is so rewarding to know you have been able to help someone towards an adoption or provide support when needed. I have talked to many wonderful people and grown both in knowledge and the ability to handle what, at times, can be difficult situations". Sandie, we are so grateful you found us and thank you for all your time, your kind words, and your enthusiasm.

Sandie & Jessie





Meet & Greet

Breena #2354

Breena came to us with extreme allergies; however, after some experimentation with food and environmental issues, we got her allergies under control. She is so much better now that she is not so itchy. Breena loves playing with her three cat cousins, her rabbit cousin, and her big brother Bentley. Her favourite pastime, however, is being the official squirrel chaser at the dog park. Last year, Breena learned to swim and even figured out how to get up the dock swim ladder ~ now we can't keep her out of the water. We are so thrilled and thankful to have Breena in our family. Thank you for our beautiful girl!

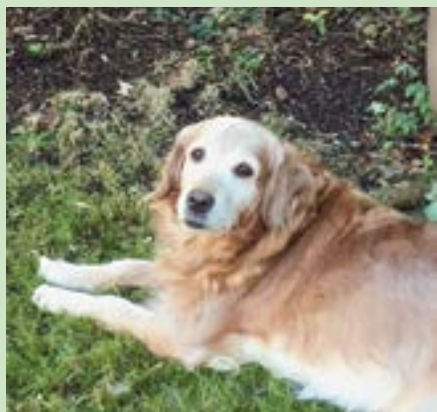
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Meet & Greet

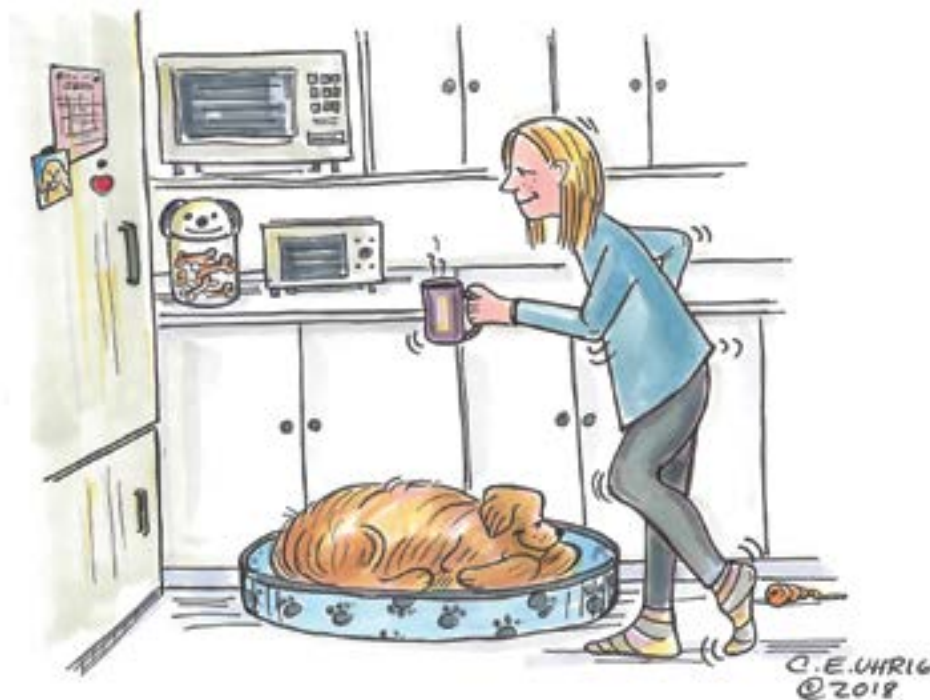
Sadie #2672

Sadie has adjusted wonderfully to her new home. She now answers to her new name and everyone is in love with her. Sadie will now go into the yard without a leash and on walks she is doing well and comes each time she's asked. My parents have fallen in love with her as well and have noticed a big difference in her since arriving. We are so grateful to be a part of Sadie's second chance.

Deborah, Wayne & Clemi



GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Tip-toe all you want Missy...one more step closer to the fridge and I'll be on you like a Golden to a hambone!”

The 'Get Lost' Car Rally for Golden Rescue



For well over 30 years, our chair Viive Tamm has organized and hosted a car rally. In recent years, it was held as a fundraising event for Golden Rescue. The last car rally was several years ago and was a successful event for GR and was meant to be the final one. However, a number of people have approached Viive asking her to consider having one more and she is considering it. So first, let us tell you what a car rally is all about and secondly, we would like to see how many people would be interested in attending so we can measure support for the event.

WHAT IS A CAR RALLY?

It has been described as "the most fun a group of people can have in and out of a car without breaking the law"! It is an all-day event starting at Horseshoe Valley around mid-day with a finish-line party with great bbq, drinks, live music, and awards. At the start line, you and your team (four in a car is ideal) are given a car rally package, which gives you witty directions to navigate a three-to-four-hour route around roads and nooks and crannies of Ontario you have never seen before. This is not a time sensitive rally so speed plays no part in the event. Along the way you will be asked to solve a number of clues/riddles. You will be given scavenger hunt details and you also will be asked to play poker by collecting playing cards at various stops along the way. The winning team gets their name on the coveted car rally trophy but most importantly they win 'bragging rights'. The event costs \$100 per person and includes a full day's fun and food, drinks (beer, wine, and soft drinks), live music, and story sharing at the end of the day...all of which takes place on the beautiful shores of Georgian Bay. If you want to really enjoy yourself and stay the night there is lots of accommodation of every price range close by so please ask and we'll give you a list. And your furkids are also welcome to come ~ we know how much they love the car and once they arrive, they can go swimming and play to their heart's content. The car rally is as goofy as our Golden Retrievers!



The event, if we move forward with it, would take place on Saturday, September 29th. Please email board@goldenrescue.ca expressing your interest to attend. The event takes a considerable amount of planning and organization so we need to ensure the attendance is sufficient. Join us for a goofy, fun-filled day!



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MEET & GREET

Riley #2552

Riley came to us from Istanbul very underweight. It turned out he had tapeworms, which took a while to diagnose but once it was discovered, his issues settled down and he started to put on weight (12 pounds so far). Once he was better, we were able to introduce him to fun things like the dog park, where he has made many girlfriends. He is also starting to love the dog swimming pool. He was nervous with water at first but is now becoming a seasoned swimmer. He loves his many toys but we do have to make sure we hide our shoes. He is grateful to be here and has decided he'd like to start paying it forward so he has done two Golden Rescue events already, including the Zoomer show, where he loved the attention. Thank you so much for matching us with Riley ~ we just love him to bits.

Andrea & Chris



to all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!

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Bailey #2598

Bailey was a wonderful senior foster who stole our hearts. He will be missed by all who knew him. **John & Barbara**

Earl #1348

My beloved Earl has crossed the rainbow bridge. Earl came into my life as a foster pup. Born with severe hip dysplasia, he was facing a life of intense pain and disability until GR stepped in. Subsequently, I was lucky enough to adopt Earl and share his love of life, joy in play, and goofy smile. Earl loved, and was loved by, everyone – people, dogs,



Earl #1348

cats – and always welcomed new foster pups into the pack. Earl attended many GR events – as a wonderful ambassador; earning money in a “kissing booth”; appearing on TV under the stage name of Duke. Thank you for taking in this wonderful boy, for ensuring he could live a life without pain, and for allowing me the privilege of sharing his life and love. His life was far too short but his memory will live on forever. We miss him terribly.

Kimberley & the pack

Katarina #2353

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Katarina #2353. She came to us from Istanbul only 16 months ago. We could tell from the first time we met her that she was a special girl capable of loving everyone. Within the first few weeks of having her, we noticed periodic gagging and wondered what could be wrong. Many thanks to Golden Rescue for helping us find the cause and finally a diagnosis. We found she had a severe genetic heart problem, which was causing her chest to fill with fluid. Guelph Veterinary College worked with us to find medications which would slow the fluid accumulation and help heart work more efficiently. Because of the heart issues, she was not a high-energy girl and would occasionally collapse if she did exert herself too much. She pretty much self-regulated her activity. She was a beautiful girl who loved everyone. She had absolutely no use for toys of any kind



Katarina #2353

and never carried anything in her mouth like most Golden do. She had no idea how to play. Our vet felt she had been a puppy mill mother and had had many litters. This is possibly why she did not know anything about toys or playing. She was quite content to just be with you and be petted. Seeing how she was with our grandchildren and others, it became apparent that she was loving while being gentle and quiet. We decided to try enrolling her into the St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog program. She passed with flying colours. We soon were visiting nursing and group homes. One gentleman, in particular, was terrified of dogs. She seemed to know and would lie at his feet. Gradually, he touched her, started petting her, and eventually would wait at the door for her on our scheduled visits. Even though it has been heartbreaking, we can't thank Golden Rescue enough for bringing Katarina to Canada and giving us the opportunity to love her and give her a forever home. We know that she would not have survived more than a few weeks if she had stayed in Istanbul. We were able to give her the best life she could have had for the few short months she had left. We hope to request another Golden in the future but for now we grieve for a precious Katarina.

Bill & Jean

Keiffer #939

In memory of our little boy Keiffer #939 who we lost to leukaemia on November 15, 2016. He would have turned nine the following week. He came to us when he was only 16 weeks old. He was very cute with a curly, soft coat and a crook in the tip of his tail. Keiffer was very smart and full of energy. He would chase his green ball every chance he got and loved to jump and catch it in the air over his shoulder. His favourite person in the whole world was Stan and they were always together. We will always love you and you will always be in our hearts. Thank you, Golden Rescue, for our Keiffer. **Susan & Stan**

Maggie #2080

We remember that day at the picnic when Jude met Maggie ~ it was love at first sight. We have so many happy memories of Maggie ~ a sweet and gentle girl who touched our hearts. She was the perfect Golden girl and we will miss her. **Viive**

Spy #940

We had to make the heartbreaking decision to let our Spy #940 go while we were away in October. Spy was 12.5 years old,



Keiffer #939

Max Griffin

Our beloved Max passed away on January 28, 2018 just shy of his 14th birthday. As part of the Golden Rescue program, his rescue number was 1415. We were initially his foster parents but knew we had to adopt this beautiful boy eight years ago when it became apparent he had already adopted us. Initially Max was malnourished at 64 pounds, quite unkempt, extremely nervous and very anxious. Soon we were able to gain his trust and he began to fall into a daily routine of going to the office during the week, but he especially loved spending his weekends at the cottage. At first he was afraid of the water but eventually became quite a comfortable swimmer. He enjoyed fetching sticks, chasing those darn squirrels and never missed a boat ride. Max loved the attention he received from everyone, and as a typical Golden he gave back with unconditional love. The hardest part for us loving Max was saying goodbye, but he will always live on in our hearts and memory.

Karen & Gord



Maggie #2080

still very happy and healthy although he was showing some signs of slowing down this past summer. He took a sudden and unexpected turn for the worst right after we left on our trip and nothing could be done to keep him going until we got home and could say our good-byes. Our son and daughter-in-law, who were looking after Spy at the time, helped him cross the Rainbow Bridge with dignity, lots of love, and treats. Spy came into our lives nine

years ago when we adopted him through Golden Rescue. He was the biggest goofball who quickly wormed his way into everyone's hearts who crossed his path. He truly loved life right up until the end. We want to thank our family and all the vets involved, from the bottom of our aching hearts, for all they had to do in our absence and helping Spy to go comfortably and peacefully to the other side where he is hopefully running, swimming, and chasing balls with his buddies, Keeper, Oscar, and Goliath. RIP dear, sweet boy. We will and do miss you terribly. **Laurie & Lawry**



Spy #940

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Alice #2656



Coco #2671



Grace #2679



Bailey #2691



Milo #2696



Poppy #2702



Spirit #2704



Holly #2705



Murphy #2706



Calmit #2712



Alice #2656
1-year-old female
Adopted by Martine

Bailey #2691
3-year-old male
Adopted by Gillian

Bailey #2710
4-year-old female
Adopted by William & Ann

Bo #2713
2-year-old male
Adopted by Madeleine & Patrick

Calmit #2712
1-year-old male
Adopted by Kelly

Coco #2671
18-month-old male
Adopted by Lisa & Pino

Flanel #2708
3-year-old female
Adopted by Denise & Charles

Grace #2679
1-year-old female
Adopted by Erin & Richard

Grace #2717
3-year-old female
Adopted by Pat & Harold

Holly #2705
7-year-old female
Adopted by Sheena

Isabella #2690
2-year-old female
Adopted by Renee

Jaxon #2697
5-year-old male
Adopted by Lesley

Jolly #2714
3.5-year-old male
Adopted by Lynda & Ian

Joy #2716
5-year-old female
Adopted by Paul

Leo #2682
2-year-old male
Adopted by Deborah

Lola #2651
7-year-old female
Adopted by Peter

Lucia #2694
5-year-old female
Adopted by Dianna

Max #2683
4-year-old male
Adopted by Jenifer

Miles #2715
5-year-old male
Adopted by John & Catherine

Milo #2696
5-year-old male
Adopted by Margaret & Ralph

Minnie #2681
1-year-old female
Adopted by Rosanna & Paul

Murphy #2706
3-year-old male
Adopted by Wendy & Bryan

Mykos #2709
2-year-old male
Adopted by Lou & Adrian

Poppy #2702
2-year-old female
Adopted by Stephanie & Kevin

Sadie #2673
2-year old female
Adopted by Allison & Matt

Skye #2686
4-year-old female
Adopted by Douglas & Mark

Spirit #2704
7-year-old female
Adopted by Leona & Darrell

Stan #2700
2-year-old male
Adopted by Sara