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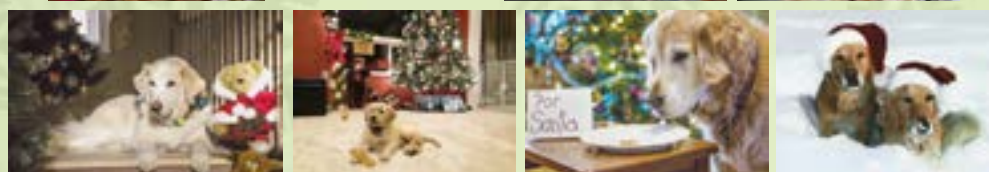
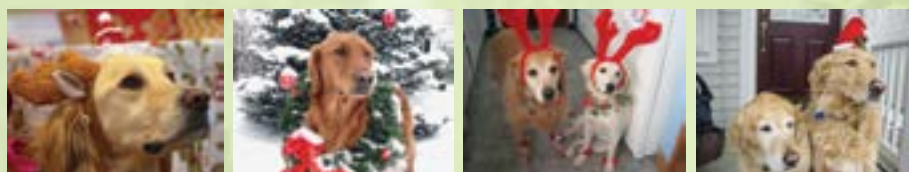
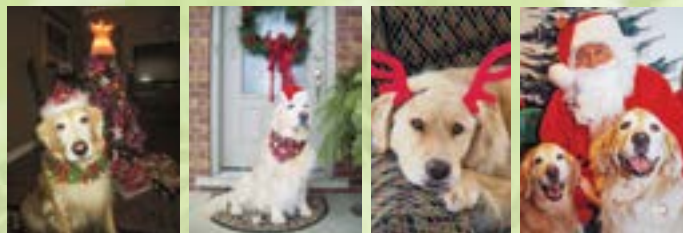


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We are so grateful to all of you who helped us through a very busy 2018. We thank each and every one of you for all your efforts. Without you, Golden Rescue would not exist. This year, we rescued many Golden Retrievers TOGETHER and it is difficult to imagine what might have happened to these wonderful creatures without you. On behalf of our rescued Golden Retrievers living with their fosters and forever families throughout Ontario and Quebec... and further, thank you so much for your support, dedication, hard work, and passion!

We wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2019! Woof-woof!



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Kassi #2668 ~ Kassi is a recent Canadian citizen, who came from Istanbul, and you can tell she can't believe her luck! She has settled into Canadian life beautifully and captures the hearts of everyone she meets. Even her vets think she is great and have affectionately dubbed her 'Monkey' or 'Wigglebutt'. Kassi loves her dog park and her new human friends think she's a doll. Wigglebutt loves roughhousing with her new four-legged friends, running around like crazy or simply chewing sticks. Generally, she simply loves her new life as a Canadian. **Jeanine & Anthony**

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At the root of everything we do are our core values ~ integrity, kindness, compassion ~ all delivered without judgment. These are our guiding principles that drive our purpose and sustain our ability to continually wrap our arms around Golden retrievers who so desperately need our help.

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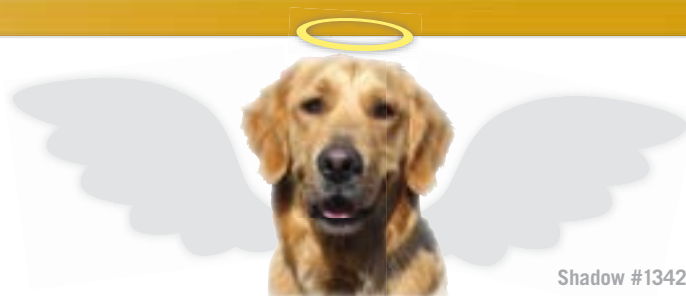
We would like to thank all of our contributing writers and photographers... too many to list. Betty, who loves her furkids, has given up many weekends and evenings to design and assemble this newsletter so that we Golden lovers can read all about the golden world we live in.



Betty with Shadow #1342 & Kona

GOLDEN ANGELS

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



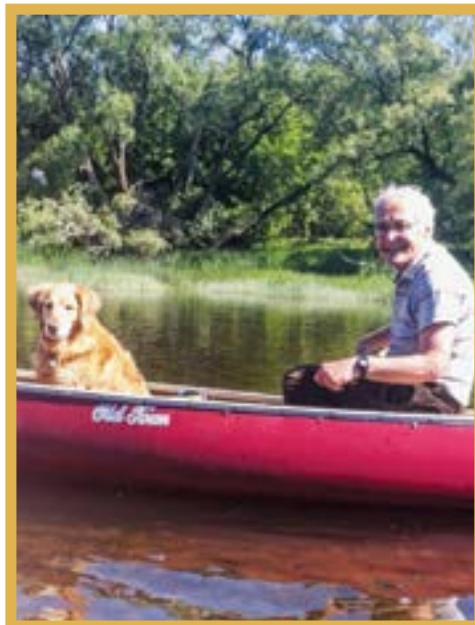
Shadow #1342



Kate with Marc, Bauer #2796 & Echo #2797

Kate Haddad-Jones

Kate, a long time Golden lover, started volunteering for Golden Rescue during her mat leave. She had volunteered with her local humane society; however, her heart has always been with Golden Retrievers so she thought Golden Rescue was the perfect fit for her. Lucky us! Kate had volunteered for events and tag days but she wanted to help on a more consistent basis. There was a need on the social media team, a perfect fit for Kate, and the social media team welcomed her with open arms. The social media team takes up most of her spare time but Kate still manages to help in so many other ways including fundraising, joining the new care team, and selling Wishbone Lottery tickets. Kate and her husband recently adopted Bauer #2796 and Echo #2797 who came from Istanbul. What lucky pups they are to have found such a caring family. Kate says they're the lucky ones and we think we're the lucky ones. Looks like it's a win-win all the way around ~ we cannot thank you enough Kate ~ you're amazing!



Pieter with Bodon

Pieter Helmke

Pieter has been helping Golden Rescue for over 12 years. He first encountered Golden Rescue after his fourth Golden crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Initially, Pieter fostered but in 2008 he was ready for another Golden and adopted Bodon #910. Pieter loves road trips and Bodon is always with him. He has done many long transports for us and recently did a three-day trip to New Brunswick. When he's not doing transports, he is always happy to help in any way he can. Thank you Pieter and Bodon...for being our secret transport weapons and for being such an integral step in our Golden's journeys.



Dave with Maggie & Sarah

Dave Little

In 2015, Dave didn't have a Golden and decided to get his Golden fix by volunteering for Golden Rescue. Dave is always ready, willing, and happy to jump in anywhere he is needed. He has also done many long transports picking up our precious cargo. He has also picked up Golden Retrievers at the Montreal airport and hosted a number of overnighters. Dave has had three beautiful Golden Retrievers in his life ~ Ginger, Maggie, and Sarah, who were grateful to Dave for caring and loving them. Thank you Dave...we are so grateful for all your help.

RBC Donation



RBC and its partner, Benevity, approved a donation to Golden Rescue in honour of Kate's volunteer time. RBC believes that when employees and retirees volunteer their time and expertise, they play a vital role in helping build better communities. Thank you RBC and thank you Kate for applying for a donation for Golden Rescue.

THANK YOU
To All Our Golden Angels!





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

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



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MEET & GREET

Prada #1894

If Prada were a boy, she would have been called Poseidon. This lovely girl loves everything water. Her brother Couper is a little more withdrawn than this boisterous girl but he sure has changed a lot since Prada arrived. Prada dives into the water off the dock...something Couper would never have done before. Now, he does occasionally but he still prefers to wade in and wait for Prada's dive. The two of them together are a perfect combination. Couper calms Prada a bit and Prada enthuses Couper a bit...perfection in the making!

Cindy



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MEET & GREET



Milo #2696

Milo was a skinny dull-coated boy when he first arrived at our family's home. He has gained 12 pounds and his coat has starting to shine. This loveable boy is a great soccer player. He loves playing with all balls but he is partial to his soccer ball, which he 'bends like Beckham'. He also loves the water but can be just as happy cuddling on the couch. Oh yes...he loves his food as well ~ so unusual for a Golden, right?

Marg & Ralph

to all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!

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If you sign up as a monthly donor for a minimum of \$25 for a year or more, we will send you our beautiful coffee table book 'Golden Reflections'. If you are already a monthly donor and you increase your donation by \$25, we will also thank you with a copy of 'Golden Reflections'.

Meet & Greet Copper #2207



Copper is famous!

The Bon Echo Provincial Park uses the Bon Echo newspaper to inform campers about the campground, in which there are rules and regulations associated with 'Camping with your Dog'. They give this to every camper. They have been using the same photo for 18 years, but this year they must have been struck by Copper's good looks and used him as the park's new 'ambassador'. Way to go Copper... looking good!




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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 these two areas.

Merchandise Minder

We need your help. Since we no longer have our truck, we need a place to store our GR merchandise for events and we don't want to pay for storage. If you have extra space in your basement or garage, we'd sure be grateful if we could use some space. This is what we require:

- an area where we could store around 20+ bins
- somewhere in the GTA so volunteers can come on occasion to stock up
- the area needs to be dry and warm(ish) so the merchandise won't mold

Photography Team

This is an important new team we have created as there is nothing more valuable than the perfect Golden photo when it comes to adopting, fostering, fundraising, PR, and getting media attention. We are looking for volunteers with a good eye so, photographers...here's your chance to use your skills. A few things that are critical are:

- a love of Goldens and photographing them
- a dSLR camera is a must
- an understanding of ISO, aperture, shutter speed, exposure & composition
- a sense of fun and creativity
- the ability to travel within your locality
- comfortable using Dropbox or willing to learn



Gilda #2634

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP US HELP GOLDENS?

They're counting on you...and so are we. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please email teamresources@goldenrescue.ca

THANK YOU!



MEET & GREET

Jenny #2667

From the second Jenny came out of her crate after arriving from Istanbul, she melted our hearts. This adorable, sweet girl put her first step on Canadian soil and immediately raised her paw to us. There was not a dry eye at the airport. This very smart girl caught on to Canadian life quickly and learned English words, to swim, and to go to the door when the doorbell rings. We're not sure what she drank out of in Istanbul but in Canada, she started to wade in her water bowl so she now has her own personal doggie pool. Everyone in our neighbourhood loves this Istanbul beauty and are fascinated by her story. Jenny has settled in so well and her most recent accomplishment is that she is now a St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog. Jenny, you have come a long way baby...in more ways than one.

Cynthia & Joe

The 2019 Picnic



Stanley #1760

Jewel #2396



The 50-50 Crew



Oakley #2071
just can't Leave It!

The picnic is a day to celebrate and celebrate we did. This year's picnic was a huge success with over 400 people in attendance and approximately 150 Golden Retrievers (and a few other fur-friends). Unlike most years, we had no rain. In fact, it was so hot that there were some people who were praying for a little of the wet stuff...or at the very least, some clouds.

With not a cloud in the sky, Golden Retrievers made good use of the kiddie pool and the lake and everyone was on the search for shade.

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The silent and live auctions were a huge success with lots of great items to bid on. The photo contest and Santa Paws photo booth drew a lot of attention, although we all felt sorry for Santa in his hot suit. The games, as always, were a hoot, especially the 'Leave It or Steal It' game. Watching Oakley #2071 do the course

as the first guinea pig, stopping at every single distraction, was hilarious. About 30 more Golden Retrievers ran down the red carpet ~ and it was interesting to note that approximately half ran right to their family, while others failed miserably, just like Oakley. The fastest time was under four seconds and the slowest... well, we stopped counting after five minutes. The water safety presentation and trail hikes were popular, as was AlphaPaws 'Ask the Behaviourist'. The general store was hopping and the Rainbow Bridge memorial service was touching. And one of the highlights each year is the Best Dressed Contest and there were lots of creative participants this year ~ all of them made us smile or even laugh out loud. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day go so smoothly and a special thank you to Julie Hendren for organizing our picnic ~ we know that a lot of work went into its organization. We also want to thank our major sponsors, GoodLife Fitness and Viamede Resort. What an amazing day it was and it was fabulous to see so many happy Golden Retrievers.



Save the date for next year's picnic ~ September 21st!



Enjoying the lake – and cooling off!

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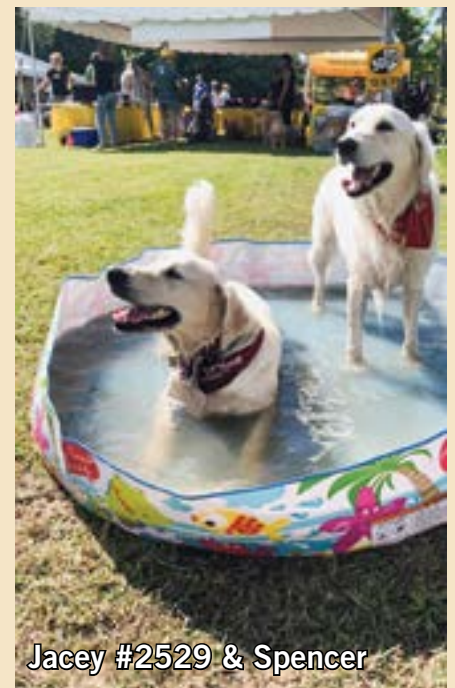
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Gilda #2634 is itching to go!



Sir Bentley #2137



Jacey #2529 & Spencer



Kathleen Edwards 'Music on the Mississippi' Concert

Over 300 people enjoyed a fun-filled musical day and evening in Pakenham, just outside Ottawa. Janet Burns organized this event on her beautiful property with Kathleen Edwards as the headliner. Other musical guests included: Midnight Vesta, Braden Foulkes, Confederation Station, Tim Burns, Les Gorman and Andrea Valois.

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Thank you from our heart to yours!



Oakley #2071 working the crowd

With the help of sponsors like the TD Bank and Cartwright Spring Brewery over \$12,000 was raised for Golden Rescue and Ottawa Dog Rescue. We thank Kathleen and Janet from the bottom of our hearts.



You came into our family's life on August 30, 2017, after a long and frightening trip from Istanbul, via Germany, to Dorval. I remember the first moment I saw your fearful face peeking from the second crate and your quizzical look when I told you that I was your new mommy. In that moment, did I only imagine that your look transformed from one of fear to gratefulness? I don't think so. Your remarkable, ever-present, dedication to protecting me was modelled on your first night in Canada, when we stayed at the Delta Hotel in Montreal. As I left the room to go to the parking lot to retrieve our bags, you sat upright, in a military-guard position at the door, until I returned fifteen minutes later. Are you aware that you still do that every time I leave the house? Golden Rescue told me it would be weeks, maybe months, before you would wag your tail. But you adapted so readily to your Canadian family, that you wagged it, to our utter delight, on day three. Oh, darling Luna, our feelings for you have multiplied exponentially with each passing day, week, and month ~ quite simply, you light up our life like the moon at night and make every day a sunnier one. We simply could not imagine our life without you. We've watched you evolve from being a submissive girl, who at first, would walk 'backwards' to get out of a room or through any doorway, tremble at grates of any nature, and never attempt a floor made of linoleum or tiles. And so, with bursting hearts, we have watched your positive, and oftentimes giddy, reactions to so many of your 'firsts' ~ all of which you embraced with the adventurous spirit that defines YOU ~ swimming in Muskoka, getting your own 'donut bed', travelling across Canada and more recently into the USA, taking a ferry to Vancouver island, retrieving a LOG...not just a stick, smelling lavender, sneaking into mommy's bed, getting groomed with an earmuff on your head, and stalking ducks in Sudbury. After having lived in a desert-like environment, what is it like to have ferocious wind blow in your face, roll in fresh winter snow or jump into the Thanksgiving leaves of Vermont? I think the answer is that all of it has made you indescribably happy, as you have made us. Looking at your angelic, peaceful face every single day and night confirms what we know ~ you are relieved that you were rescued ~ and ever so happy with your new life. And so, while you may be grateful for having found your forever family, it is we who are thankful for having found our 'forever Luna'. We love you to kibbles and bits,

Mommy (Marg), Catie, Ryan & Jack

Note from the Guardian editor ~ Luna's story is unedited. We were so moved by Luna's forever family's story ~ there's no way we could make it better than it is ~ enjoy!



MEET & GREET

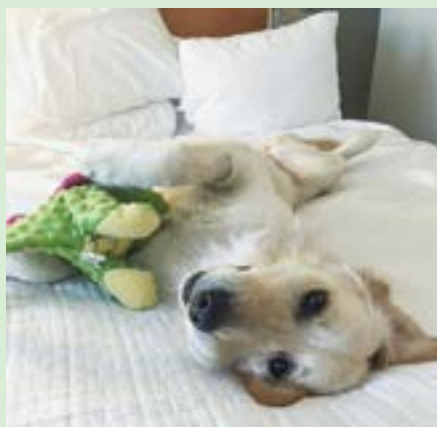
Luna #2644

Meet & Greet

Poppy #2701

When Poppy arrived from Istanbul, she was in pretty rough shape. She was really thin, the vet had to remove nine teeth that were badly broken, and her left paw was badly scarred. You would never have known how affected she was from her life on the Istanbul streets because as soon as she came out of her crate, you could see the affection and gratitude in her eyes ~ it was utterly amazing. Initially, on walks she was afraid of everything new to her ~ people in toques, wagons, sleds, black jeeps. But soon she settled and this girl is simply a delight. She wakes up every morning to give licks with her tail wagging. Her morning cuddles are out-of-this-world. Poppy was a superstar at obedience training and she is now working on becoming a therapy dog. Poppy volunteered at her first GR event recently and was treated like a celebrity, which of course she is.

Stephanie



Goldens 24/7!

Is your Golden a Calendar Star?



COVER GOLDENS:

Oban #2145
Dreamer #2579
Georgie #2267
Charlie #2424

Bentley #2137
Hudson #2550 &
Skye #2551
Shadow #1342 with
Kona

Katie #742
Max #2312
Sonja #2371
Lady
Max #2021
Copper #2207

Buddy #2624
Millie
Tommy #2793
Chance #2468
Fozzie #2601
Charlie #2675
Bandit #2580
Sherman #2518
Ruby #2227
Sugar #2526
Pal #2462 with
Smiley
Riley #2552
Sunny #2621
Leo #2735
Jax #2564
Kipling #2431

MONTH GOLDENS:

Malik #2643
Robbie #1913 with
Finley
Katy #2233
Harley #2670
Jenny #1527 &
Kassi #2174
Gilda #2634
Spencer #2659
Mooke #1181
Nala #1948

OTHER GOLDENS:

Sophie Tucker
#2263
Jake #424
Bailey #2260
Jacey #2529
Buddy
FurrGurls
Piper Pickles
Shadow #1342
Duke #1346
Niki #2765

Buddy
Saima Pickles
Riley #2182
Treble
Phoenix #1569
Niko #2633
Ernie
Zoey #1526
Oakley #2071
Tahoe
Chauncey #1132
Gubs #1849



Great stocking stuffers
for Golden lovers!



The Zany, Crazy Car Rally



On September 29th, we held our 7th Golden Rescue Car Rally. Over 80 people and 15 Golden Retrievers joined the fun-filled day. The weather was a bit iffy at the start line, cool with a strong wind, but at least the rain held off.

As the teams gathered at Horseshoe Resort, they were given their rally packages and were asked to take their time to read through the instructions, which were very detailed. As cars got ready, they drove up to the start line about 10 minutes apart, taking on their first task. They had to perform the chorus of the GR song 'They're Coming Around' with passion and gusto and, if successful, they got their first poker card. This was absolutely hilarious and every team rose to the challenge. One team actually accompanied themselves on the harmonica and another team put down a drop-sheet as they actually

rolled around on the ground. Although no potential American Idol candidates were discovered, it was a raucous, delightful start to the day.

Around 4 p.m. the first team arrived. As the finish line party was getting underway, The Gators started to play and they were fabulous. The party setting was on the shores of Georgian Bay and as people and Golden Retrievers arrived, the joint was abuzz with stories of clues and roads not found. All the answers were posted on the windows so everyone could see where they went right or left or right or wrong. As the party gathered momentum, there were Golden Retrievers running around and, of course, most of them headed straight for the lake. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and water were available and everyone enjoyed a steak dinner cooked on the barbeque to their liking. Unfortunately, the weather didn't co-operate. No rain but it was very windy, pushing people inside as the evening progressed. At 9 p.m. the winners were announced and they earned their medals and bragging rights.

Winners ~ Sub-Woofers

Second Place ~ Golden Paws

Third Place ~ Oriental Cracker Mix

Congratulations to the winners! We thank everyone for attending. Despite the weather, everyone had a great time and over \$5,000 was raised for our beloved Golden Retrievers.

Sub-Woofers



Golden Paws



Oriental Cracker Mix





askGoldie
Goldie #654



M@il Retriever

Dear Goldie: I heard the other day that Rin Tin Tin, my hero BTW, signed a Hollywood contract with his paw-print. Is that right? How can they tell it's his? Are our paws like human fingerprints? Curious George

Dear George: Very good question. The answer is no. Our paws do not carry any distinguishing characteristics like human fingerprints. However, our noses do! So, Warner Bros. would have been much better off getting RTT's nose print if they were trying to get a legal contract. This kind of scares me though because my mom is always accusing me of leaving my nose-print on the sliding glass door and I keep blaming my younger brother. Looks like now the jig is up.

Dear Goldie: I love playing with that tinsel stuff on the Christmas tree but my mom says it would be bad if I swallowed some so she doesn't put it on the tree anymore. What's up with that? Tiny Tinsel

Dear Tiny: Tinsel is very bad for us dogs. If you swallow it, it can cause a serious blockage so stay well away from it. Also, during the Christmas season, there are many other hazards that could cause you

real problems like chocolate, blue cheese, and nuts. But the things you really have to watch out for are mince meat and Christmas pudding because all grapes, raisins, and sultanas are a big no-no for us. Stick to your dog food and if you want a Christmas treat, try a carrot, orange or the odd shrimp tail. Mmmm ~ delicious!

Dear Goldie: I hate wearing those silly booties that my dad puts on my paws in the winter. I try to take them off. Do I really need them? Betty Boots

Dear Betty: It depends where you live. For example, if you are in an area where they use a lot of salt, boots would be best as salt can play havoc with our paws. If you are in the country surrounded by pristine snow, boots might not be as necessary but they do help you avoid scrapes and cuts on your pads. If you have hairy paws, like we tend to have, we can get clumps of snow sticking to them and they form icy balls under our feet, which can make walking difficult or painful. So, wearing boots provides a lot of protection.

Dear Goldie: Lately I'm always thirsty and I drink a lot more water than usual.

Should I be worried? Thirsty Theo

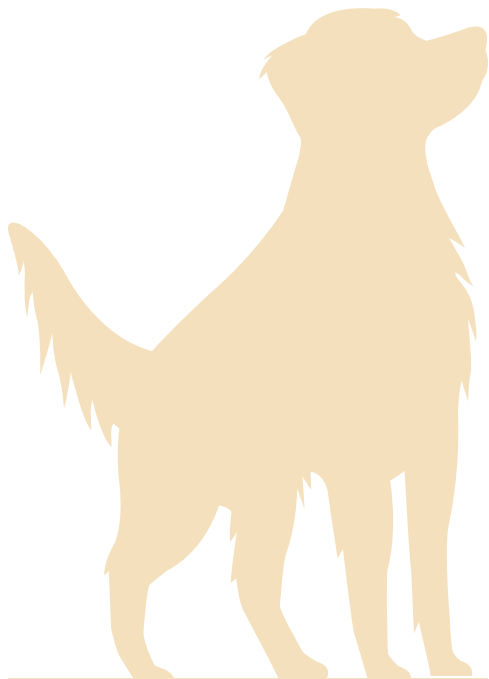
Dear Theo: A sudden increase in water intake may be something called 'polydipsia'. Sometimes it is simply due to seasonal changes or eating something that you shouldn't have, but sometimes it is a sign that there is something wrong. It could be that you have an infection or the start of diabetic problems so I would recommend you get yourself checked out.

Dear Goldie: Do you know how many hairs the average dog has? I'm constantly brushed and I swear a ton of hair comes off of me each day. Is there any chance I'm going to go bald? Jake

Dear Jake: I doubt it Jake because we have between 14.8 million to six billion hairs. Who counted, I have no idea.

Dear Goldie: My ears move a lot but I never see my mom or dad's ears move. How come our ears move so much. Rosie

Dear Rosie: You're very observant Rosie. Dogs have 18 muscles controlling their ears (cats have 32) and humans have only six. That's an interesting fact, eh?



Golden Retriever HOUSE RULES

Don't come home smelling
of other dogs.

**You must feed me every
goodie you eat.**

Don't call me or lead
me to a bath.

**Let me outside even though
I just came in. There
was an area I forgot to sniff.**

I can sleep anywhere
I choose even if it means
you trip over me.

**Don't shush me from barking
while you are on the phone.
I was talking too, you know.**

Don't move me while sleeping
sideways in the middle
of the bed. You have enough
room on the edge.

**Don't think you can leave
a room without me.**

If it lands on the floor,
it's mine!

**You will never pee
alone again.**

Finnegan's Market

On September 22nd, Golden Rescue had its first-ever awareness event in Quebec at Finnegan's Market in Hudson. This was an exciting milestone for us as our presence in La Belle Province is growing with more adopters, foster families, and volunteers. Our two and four-legged volunteers were very excited about having our first Quebec event and many showed up early and stayed late. As usual, our Goldens were the stars of the show and at one point we had seven Golden spreading the word and enjoying all the attention. So many people were curious why they had never heard of the organization before. People were thrilled to know we were now in Quebec and encouraged us to continue to spread the word, which we will.



If you're interested in volunteering
for any events, please email
volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

GOLDEN MOMENTS[©]



“Regardez Fifi, another Wishbone Lottery winner...
so nouveaux riche!”



12345 FIVE ADOPTION MYTHS

WHEN & WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

Join us, have fun, and help our Golden Retrievers!

November 25th

Santa Claus Parade
4 pm start
Trenton

4 Weekends in December

The Pickering Markets
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pickering

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED
IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY
EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL
volunteer@goldenrescue.ca.

We hear people comment on the issues below and there are obviously a number of misunderstandings about Golden Rescue's adoption guidelines. Most adoption situations are not black and white and require individual assessment. Here are the most common misunderstandings we come across.

FENCED YARD

Some think they can't adopt if they don't have a fenced yard. This is not the case; however, it does reduce your chances as you would not be able to adopt a Golden with poor recall or a bolter. But a velcro-Golden or one who has great recall or wants to stay by your side? Absolutely, you would not necessarily need a fenced yard.

CONDO/APARTMENT LIVING

Some think they can't adopt if they live in an apartment or condo. This is not true. It doesn't matter if you live in a 500 sq. ft. condo or a 5,000 sq. ft. home, your Golden will be where you are most of the time. Our concern is less about the space you live in than about your lifestyle as it relates to exercising your Golden. Condo dwellers have to take their Golden out a number of times each day so they may very well get more exercise than a home where they simply let them go out in the backyard.

YOU WANT TO ADOPT...NOW!

If you are in a hurry to get a Golden, then Golden Rescue might not be for you. It is true that some people have waited a long time but others have adopted in a matter of weeks. It depends a lot on your criteria. If you are very specific and have narrow parameters, you might wait a very long time. Please keep in mind that the placement team and fosters initially have only your application to consider. An application is no different than a resume. You have to make your application interesting, caring, and convincing so that it's noticed. Also, make sure you sign up for adoption alerts and email the adoption team if you see a Golden who interests you and tell them why you're a good fit. And most importantly, keep in touch and keep the faith.

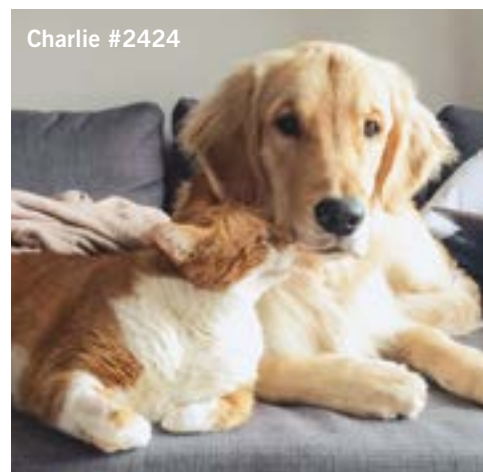
INTERNATIONAL VERSUS DOMESTIC

Some people think international Golden Retrievers (IGs) come with more issues than domestic Golden Retrievers. We have rescued almost 3,000 Golden Retrievers to-date and almost 400 of them are 'come-from-away' Golden Retrievers. With any rescue,

there are possible health or behavioural issues that don't present at the time of adoption; however, in our experience, there is no measurable difference between an international or domestic Golden as it relates to health or behavioural issues. Certainly, many of our international Golden Retrievers are skinny and some arrive with fleas or ticks or other minor issues, but those are easily dealt with. It is true that we don't know as much about our IGs as they have not been fostered. This is why we created the foster-to-adopt program, to give you time to assess whether your Golden is a good fit. Having said that, understand that we do a thorough vet check before any Golden is ready for adoption and any issues we discover are dealt with at our expense. That doesn't mean, however, that health or behavioural issues couldn't happen weeks, months or years after. It is simply the risk rescue-minded people take when giving these wonderful Golden Retrievers a second chance.

CATS

Some people think we will not adopt to homes with cats. This is not true. It is true that we often don't know whether our Golden Retrievers (domestic or international) can live with a cat. We have had many successful adoptions in homes with cats; however, some simply cannot cohabitate. In many cases, we can test our rescues with cats but in other situations we can't as the foster doesn't have cats or in the case of an international rescue they are not previously fostered. So cat compatibility is often an unknown area. If you think you can introduce your pets in a controlled fashion and monitor their compatibility, we are willing to try if you are.



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN FAMILY



Loki #2737



Gypsy #2758



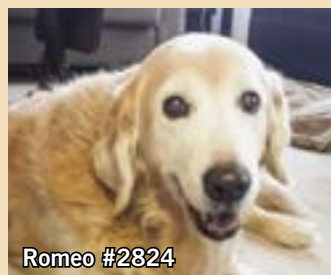
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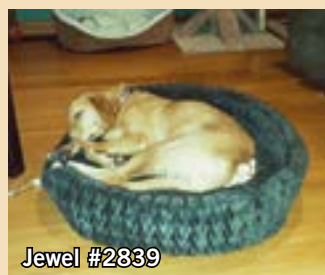
Niki #2765



Pharaoh #2815



Romeo #2824



Jewel #2839



Reilly #2847

Aya #2745

2-year-old female
Adopted by Ames

Bailey #2827

2-year-old male
Adopted by Karley & Justin

Barney #2740

7-year-old male
Adopted by Mary Anne

Bella #2850

8-month-old female
Adopted by Karen & Doug

Buddy #2624

8-year-old male
Adopted by Audrey & Doug

Daffodil #2783

6-year-old female
Adopted by Dale & Joe

Dostum #2764

3-year-old male
Adopted by Tammy & James

Finnegan #2743

1-year-old male
Adopted by Kelly

Ginger #2848

9-month-old female
Adopted by Leanne & Bruce

Gypsy #2758

1-year-old female
Adopted by Tamara & Len

Jackson #2766

6-year-old male
Adopted by Ginger, Tony & Taylor

Jasmine #2801

10-month-old female
Adopted by Steve

Jemma #2816

6-year-old female
Adopted by Barb & Ed

Jewel #2839

8-month-old female
Adopted by Nancy & Ralph

Joy #2808

2-year-old female
Adopted by Renee

Loki #2737

1-year-old male
Adopted by Tanya

Miley #2760

4-year-old female
Adopted by Margaret & Gord

Mo #2811 & Ronnie #2812

1-year-old males
Adopted by Lindsay

Molson #2852

8-month-old male
Adopted by Nancy

Niki #2765

3-year-old female
Adopted by Jude

Pharaoh #2815

8-month-old male
Adopted by Nancy & Christian

Precious #2820

4-year-old female
Adopted by Karin & Peter

Reilly #2847

4-year-old male
Adopted by Sharyn & Fred

Robin #2776

5-year-old male
Adopted by Courtney & Steven

Romeo #2824

2-year-old male
Adopted by Heidi & Jeff

Rosie #2818

5-year-old female
Adopted by Vanessa & Chad

Sandy #2814

2-year-old female
Adopted by Kelly

Scarlet #2747

2-year-old female
Adopted by Lindsay & Tom

Sophia #2817

4-year-old female
Adopted by Shelley & Alan

Ty #2842

9-year-old
Adopted by Michelle & Randy

Wallace #2753

5-month old male
Adopted by Deanne & Michael

Wyatt #2846

2.5-year-old male
Adopted by Marion

Welcome HOME Golden!



**WISHBONE
LOTTERY**

**Dinner for two
ANYWHERE
IN THE
WORLD!**

**GRAND PRIZE
\$25,000 travel voucher + \$1,000 cash**

SECOND PRIZE

Trip for Two to an All-Inclusive Resort in Cancun

THIRD PRIZE

Trip for Two to an All-Inclusive Resort in Jamaica

FOURTH PRIZE

VIA Rail for two (Quebec City to Windsor corridor) + \$1,000 cash

FIFTH PRIZE

Viamede Resort (Kawarthas) \$2,000 voucher



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