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Muppet #2607



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**golden  
retriever**  
BELIEVER?



# WHEN And WHERE Will I Find Golden Rescue EVENTS?

Awareness events all over the place! Join us, have fun, and help our Golden Retrievers!

## May 19th

**OTTAWA FARMER'S MARKET**  
8 am – 3:30 pm  
Aberdeen Pavilion, Lansdowne Park,  
Ottawa, ON

## May 25th

**ST. JACOB'S MARKET**  
7 am – 4 pm  
878 Weber Street North, Woolwich, ON

## May 25th

**BARKS BY THE BAY**  
9 am – 4 pm  
Centennial Park, Trenton, ON

## June 1st

**CANADIAN TIRE TAG DAY**  
11 am – 5 pm  
44 Livingstone Avenue, Grimsby, ON

## June 1st

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 461 Big Bay Point, Barrie, ON
- 1 First Street, Collingwood, ON
- 1613 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON

## June 8th

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 400 Dundas Street East, Belleville, ON
- 1089 Midland Avenue, Kingston, ON
- 1154 Currier Street, Manotick, ON
- 150 Front Street, Trenton, ON

## June 8th

**PET VALU AWARENESS DAY**  
11 am – 2 pm  
Roundhouse Centre, 3155 Howard Avenue,  
Windsor, ON

## June 15th

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 615 Scottsdale Drive, Guelph, ON
- 655 Fairway Road South, Kitchener, ON
- 109 Fanshawe Park Road, London, ON
- 8409 County Road 169, Washago, ON

## June 20th

**GOLDEN RESCUE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
6:30 pm  
Sandman Hotel, 3451 South Service Road  
West, Oakville, ON

## June 22nd

**CANADIAN TIRE TAG DAY**  
11 am – 5 pm  
2259 Regent Street, Sudbury, ON

## June 23rd to July 20th

**LCBO COIN BOXES – DURHAM REGION**  
(locations on GR's website)

## July 20 & 21

**DOG DAYS OF SCUGOG**  
9 am – 4 pm  
Scugog Shores Museum Village, Scugog, ON

## July 27th

**PAULMAC'S PET FOODS**  
11 am – 3 pm  
1290 Steeles Avenue East, Milton, ON

## July 27th

**PETERBOROUGH PAWTACULAR**  
10 am – 4 pm  
Nicholls Oval Park, 725 Armour Road,  
Peterborough, ON

## August 10th

**CAR WASH – Bay Subaru**  
10 am – 3 pm  
60 Millennium Parkway, Belleville, ON

## September 7th

**BEAONSFIELD PET FAIR**  
11 am – 3 pm  
Beaconsfield Centennial Park, 288  
Beaconsville Blvd., Beaconsville, QC

## September 7th

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 737 Golf Links Road, Ancaster, ON
- 15830 Bayview Avenue, Aurora, ON
- 449 Kent Street West, Lindsay, ON
- 930 Southdown Road, Mississauga, ON
- 3714 Portage Road, Niagara Falls, ON
- 65 Wicksteed Avenue, Toronto, ON

## September 7th

**ST. JACOBS MARKETS**  
7 am – 4 pm  
878 Weber Street North, Woolwich, ON

## September 14th

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 1899 Brock Road, Pickering, ON
- 343 Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines, ON
- 74 Thicksen Road South, Whitby, ON
- 2400 Long Lake Road, Sudbury, ON



Georgie #2267

If you're interested in volunteering for any events, please email [volunteer@goldenrescue.ca](mailto:volunteer@goldenrescue.ca).

## September 21st

**ANNUAL GOLDEN RESCUE PICNIC**  
10 am – 5 pm  
Viamede Resort, Woodview, ON

## September 28th

**LCBO TAG DAY**  
11 am – 5 pm  
2400 Long Lake Road, Sudbury, ON

## September 28th

**OTTAWA FARMER'S MARKET**  
7:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Byron Park, Westboro, Ottawa, ON

## September 29th

**BARK-TOBERFEST**  
8 am – 4 pm  
Pinery Antique Flea Market, Grand Bend, ON

## October 18th to 20th

**BALA CRANBERRY FESTIVAL**  
9 am – 5 pm  
Bala, ON

## October 19th

**LCBO TAG DAYS**  
11 am – 5 pm

- 1111 Elgin Street West, Cobourg, ON
- 1154 Chemong Road, Peterborough, ON

## All December weekends

**THE PICKERING MARKETS**  
9 am – 5 pm  
Squires Beach Road, Pickering, ON





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## The Front Cover

**Muppet #2607** ~ Muppet came to us almost 20 pounds overweight with some serious tearing and weeping eye problems that could have led to blindness. Our number one goal that we set for ourselves was to get Muppet fit and healed by the Golden Rescue picnic, which was about seven months away. An exercise and diet regimen started and soon the pounds were melting away. The word 'treat' was no longer in our vocabulary and consistent eye care healed her vision. This amazing girl strutted to the GR picnic, the picture of good health and fitness, and she had the time of her life ~ doing the trail hike, swimming, and going out on the canoe. We were so proud of her that day and every day. Muppet is proof that consistency and love are key for any rescue's success. She is a beautiful girl and we love her.

Lynn & Andrew

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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's who so desperately need our help.

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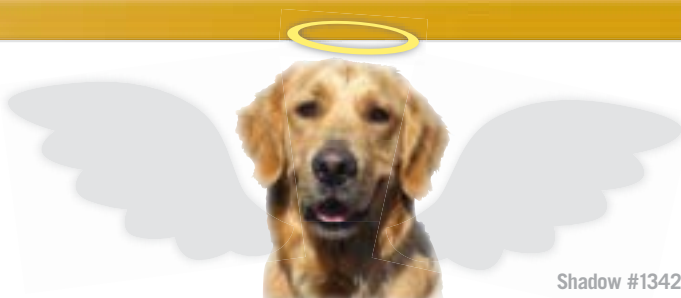
We would like to thank all of our contributing writers and photographers... too many to list. Betty, who loves her furkids, has given up many weekends and evenings to design and assemble this newsletter so that we Golden lovers can read all about the golden world we live in.

Betty with Shadow #1342



# 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



Karin, Bob, Daisy #2618 & Sara

## Karin Bauer & Bob Jean

Karin and Bob are two experienced foster angels. They have had Golden Retrievers for over 20 years and know and love our goofy breed. Over the years, they have become very proficient at training and providing the remedial work required to give our Golden Retrievers a second chance. In fact, Karin has started her own pet care business partly from the experience gained from fostering. Karin and Bob are a great team with Karin handling most of the training needs and Bob handling the rest, including all the administration. They are constantly surprised at the vastly different needs each Golden requires as a result of how they have been raised, handled, trained, and cared for. The joy they receive helping each Golden through their journey is so rewarding for them. Seeing the foster through medical and behavioural issues to matching them with the right adopters is heart-warming and very satisfying. Karin and Bob are also foster mentors helping and guiding new fosters. We are so lucky to have this dedicated and hard-working couple on our team.



Nancy with Maverick #3041 & Charlie

## Nancy Bourguet

Nancy is one of our newest volunteers in Quebec. Nancy first encountered GR when she was thinking of adopting. The adoption didn't happen so she decided to apply to become a foster. As time passed, Nancy met some other volunteers and, at that point, she moved into high gear. Nancy started to put her hand up for everything. The first thing she did was organize GR's first Quebec event at Finnegan's Market in Hudson. This was very successful and helped raise our profile in Quebec. Living close to the Montreal airport, Nancy started meeting flights that were bringing our precious Golden cargo from Istanbul. She got her first foster, sweet Rufus, and recruited her vet to become a supporting vet. Rufus was sadly diagnosed with cancer and Nancy saw him through the next five months with love and compassion until he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Maverick is Nancy's second foster ~ a crazy, lovable Golden from Mexico. She has also recruited new volunteers for us in the Montreal area by spreading the word about GR. Nancy is an energizer bunny worth her weight in gold and we are so grateful she found us!



Danielle with Lucy

## Danielle Robinson

Danielle has had Golden Retrievers in her life since she was six years old. Her current Golden, Lucy, is 11 years old and the love of her life. Danielle thought about the three wonderful Golden Retrievers she has had over the years and realized they never knew fear or hunger and what loving, privileged lives they lived. These thoughts led her to GR as she wanted to pay it forward and find ways to help. And help she certainly does. Danielle started by doing adoption and foster application interviews and home visits. These days she works almost exclusively with the transport team, which includes getting involved in surrenders. Danielle is empathetic with those who call to surrender their Golden so she tries to reassure them that Golden Rescue is the best decision for their beloved Golden. She has done many, many transports and airport trips for our international Golden Retrievers. She loves how different each transport is ~ and no matter the circumstance, she loves them all. Danielle is one of our most dedicated volunteers who never says no if she can possibly help. Thank you, Danielle ~ you're the real deal.

**THANK YOU**  
**To All Our Golden Angels!**





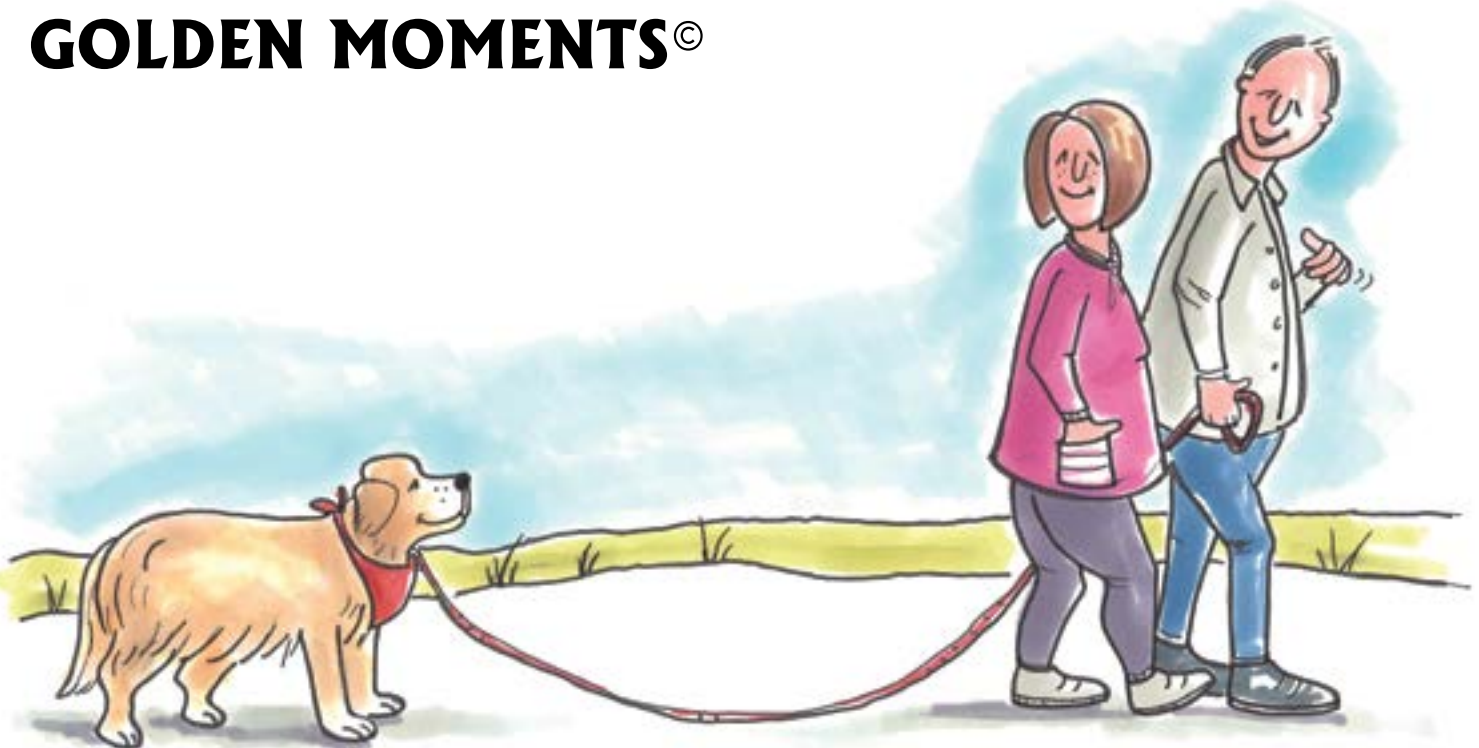
## MEET & GREET

### Max #2780

Max came to Canada from Istanbul and he literally brought some 'baggage' with him ~ challenges for us to overcome. It didn't take long for Max to adjust as he's a smart boy wanting to please. Max is now happy and safe in his new Canadian home. He loves to watch TV, swim, and go for rides in the car. He's almost two years old and although he came from a country with a warmer climate, he just loves snow and rolling in it. What a turnaround! What a treasure!

**Bill**

## GOLDEN MOMENTS<sup>©</sup>



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*In memory of our sweet Zoey #1526*



## MEET & GREET Vixen #2542

This sweet girl came from Istanbul and she was smelly, her skin was infected, and she was covered in fleas...a pretty sad sight. A bath, a vet visit, good meals, and a safe place to rest gave Vixen a good start on her journey back to health and happiness. Her new sibling sister, Bella, was unimpressed with this new Turkish interloper but day-by-day this started to change and now they are BFFs and their playful antics provide us with our nightly entertainment. Initially very fearful of certain actions and things like brooms, our brave little girl soon came around and realized she was safe and that no one would ever hurt her. Someone must have loved this girl at some point as she is well trained, so who knows what her story was and why she was abandoned. We'll never know but we do know she is happy and full of gratitude and joy. Welcome to Canada Vixen ~ we love you!

**Sandy**

# to all Retriever Believers ~ you truly have GOLDEN hearts!

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# ...Rescue the Mistreated...

Maverick #3041 (Mexico)



Finlay #2889 (Egypt)



Tilly #2849 (Egypt)



If you were to wander the streets of Istanbul, Cairo, or Mexico City, you would likely shout those words out loud. However, shouting won't do a thing, other than add to the noise. Golden Rescue has visited these places and decided to do something to help. While we often feel our efforts are like a drop in the ocean compared to the problem, we do what we can and have given 500+ international Golden Retrievers a second chance. Perhaps just as importantly, we have given the amazing, exhausted, tireless volunteer angels in these countries hope ~ and believe us, they need all the hope they can get.

**Dr. Robert Anthony said:**

*"Hope is the expectation that something outside of ourselves, something external, is going to come to our rescue."*

We, at Golden Rescue, are in constant contact with these street angels so we are well-versed on the problems they face every day. However, it occurred to us that many of you have little knowledge of our International Rescue Mission of Love and have questions. Here are a few that we have been asked that might help you understand what we are trying to do and what's involved.

**Why did you start the International Rescue Mission of Love?**

Three years ago, we were approached by rescue-minded volunteers in Istanbul to see if we could help rescue abandoned Golden Retrievers from their streets. Five U.S. rescue groups were already helping them and they wondered if Canada might join the rescue mission. Turkey has had a long history of strays and they are a part of their culture. A number of years ago, Golden Retrievers were introduced into their society and they quickly became a status symbol. However, when the economy faltered, many of these Golden Retrievers were simply abandoned on the streets and in the forests to fend for themselves. Golden Retrievers, unlike some other breeds, do not fare well on the street ~ they are typically not aggressive enough and subsequently suffered more than some other breeds. Two of our board members visited Istanbul to observe firsthand what was going on and it was this visit that convinced us to get involved. <https://www.goldenrescue.ca/category/at-golden-rescue/rescue-mission-of-love/>

If you haven't already, you might want to read the story of Golden Rescue's trip to

Cairo (<https://www.goldenrescue.ca/2019/02/international-mission-of-love/>). That was an eye-opening experience for two Golden Rescue board members.

Since then, Golden Rescue has been inundated with calls from rescue volunteers in other countries, but for us to help, we must have feet-on-the-street in those countries, which Turkey, Egypt, and Mexico have.

**When you rescue internationally, how does that impact the Golden Retrievers who need rescuing in Canada?**

Simply put, it doesn't! Our international efforts complement our mission here at home. Domestic rescuing will always take precedence and we are actively expanding in Canada. In fact, our international rescue efforts have garnered so much publicity that it has helped put Golden Rescue on the map nationally. Right now, we have adopters in almost every province and although we are predominantly in Ontario and Quebec, our profile has increased dramatically and our long-term goal is to be a national rescue organization with foster families throughout the country.



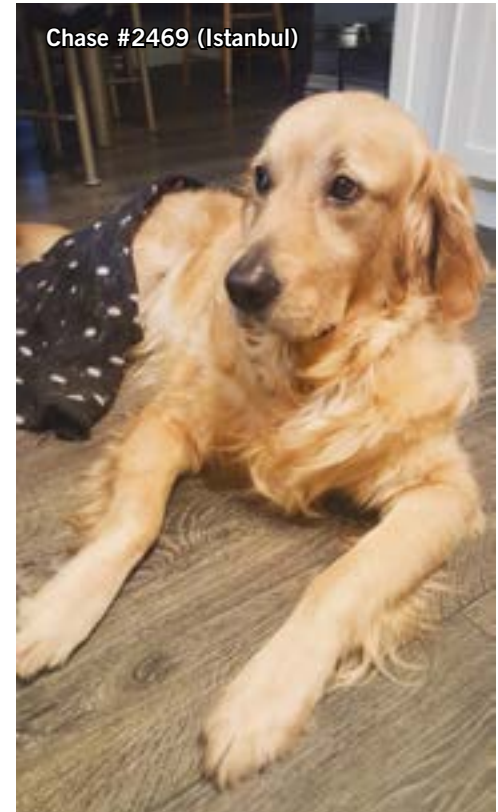
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Clancy #2554 (Istanbul)



Bubbly #3016 (Egypt)



Chase #2469 (Istanbul)

## What is your process to bring Golden retrievers into Canada from other countries?

We can only help countries where there are dedicated volunteers in the country who are organized, funded, and educated in the rescue process. These street angels do the heavy lifting. Our job, although difficult at times, is small in relation to what these international volunteers must do. They rescue the dogs predominantly from the streets or forests. They put them in their own shelters, and then, if necessary, nurse them back to health. We work very closely with these rescue partners to ensure we are aware of any health concerns in the dogs selected to come to Canada. Golden retrievers are checked by a veterinarian and tested for things like leishmania, and they must attest that they are in relatively good health prior to being approved to travel. Soon after they arrive in Canada, the Golden retrievers are vet-checked again to ensure they meet Canadian health standards. If additional treatment is needed, our Director of Golden Care works closely with our veterinarian partners to develop a plan of care. We are always working to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of the Golden retrievers and humans involved, both here and abroad.

## How do you determine which Golden retrievers come to Canada?

We have met, in person, with the rescuers in Istanbul and Cairo and we trust our rescue partners implicitly. They know we will not take Golden retrievers with contagious diseases or aggressive Golden retrievers. They send us information and photos of Golden retrievers they would like us to consider and we review and approve the ones we believe we can place. In the true spirit of rescue, we also take some who need medical attention if we know we can help them.

How do you know a potential adopter might be interested in an international Golden retriever?

We recently added a question to the adoption application, "Would you consider adopting an international Golden retriever?" So far, more than 90% have answered "yes", so we know we have willing adopters for international Golden retrievers. If we are unable to help potential adopters, many will turn to other sources or unknowingly buy from a puppy mill or backyard breeder...and that doesn't help the homeless pet situation. At any given time, we have 1,000+ adoption applications so no matter what we do, we will disappoint some families.

## How easy is it to find adopters for the international Golden retrievers?

There are many Golden retriever angels out there. In the true spirit of rescue, most are open to adopting a domestic or international Golden retriever, as a Golden retriever in need is a Golden retriever in need. We have had no trouble finding homes for blind or three-legged Golden retrievers either. It is very heartwarming when people step up to rescue one of our Golden retrievers with special needs.

## What does the \$900 adoption fee cover?

It covers medical care, neutering (in most cases), vaccinations, tests, microchips, crates, airline fees, and initial vet fees in Canada. Our average cost per Golden retriever to go through our program (international or domestic) is approximately \$1,700. The adoption fee only covers a portion of this. This is why fundraising efforts are so critical to our ability to help as many Golden retrievers as possible.

## What does Golden Rescue do to ensure these international Golden retrievers don't put people or our domestic pets at risk?

Before travelling to Canada, the international Golden retrievers are in our partner shelters for a

# ...Love the Abandoned...



number of months, so although they aren't technically quarantined, they are under observation. They are thoroughly vet-checked and treated for anything worrisome and we test for contagious diseases like leishmania or anything common to the region. They are also vaccinated for rabies, kennel cough, distemper, and are treated for fleas and given Interceptor (de-wormer for tape, round, hook, and whip worms). Recently, we sent a shipment of Nexgard to Cairo for travelling Golden Retrievers to ensure fleas/ticks are killed prior to travelling. All international Golden Retrievers are vet-checked within a few days of arrival and given a full wellness exam, which includes bloodwork and a fecal test. If anything untoward is discovered, we treat them immediately. We have done our due diligence and we trust our rescue partners in Istanbul, Cairo, and Mexico City. In fact, our Board members visited Istanbul and Cairo personally to visit the shelters and meet with our rescue partners to ensure their credibility.

## How are you addressing health concerns, such as canine flu, distemper, rabies, brucellosis, etc.?

We aren't currently bringing any Golden Retrievers from

the areas with reported outbreaks of canine flu and/or brucellosis. All the Golden Retrievers coming to us are vet-checked and given a rabies and distemper vaccine prior to being approved for travel to Canada.

## How is the health of the international Golden Retrievers arriving in Canada?

In general terms, no better or worse than the Golden Retrievers we help from Canada. Some have injured limbs but very few have major medical issues. In Canada, we will rescue a Golden Retriever with serious health issues if the Golden Retriever can be saved. If there are any serious conditions discovered with the international Golden Retrievers, we would not transport them here... rather they would be treated in their own country first.

## How are most of the Golden Retrievers behaviourally?

Most of them are extraordinarily sweet and have adjusted to their new families beautifully. Some have had behavioural issues like food guarding, domination or a high prey drive. With time, patience, and love, they have become happy, well-adjusted

family members. Again, we have not seen more behavioural issues in the international Golden Retrievers than the domestic Golden Retrievers we rescue. We are a rescue group and we deal with behavioural issues all the time. In fact, it is our biggest cost after vet care. We believe that every Golden Retriever who comes into our care deserves a second chance and other than aggression (i.e. remorse-less biting), we will do everything possible to help our Golden Retrievers live a happy and safe life.

## Where do Golden Retrievers go when they arrive in Canada?

Canada does not require animals to be quarantined, so they go directly to their foster-to-adopt (FTA) families. We decided right from the beginning to find adoptive families for each international Golden Retriever. With all they have been through in their lives, including living in a cage or kennel, we didn't want to house them temporarily with foster families only to be uprooted again in a few weeks. The intent of the FTA family is to adopt them; however, we give the FTA family a week or so to determine if they're a good fit. What these Golden Retrievers need (in addition to good food and lots of love) is stability and to feel safe.

# ...Treasure the Helpless...



Hudson #2550 & Skye #2551 (Istanbul)

## What is the difference between a foster family and a foster-to-adopt (FTA) family?

Foster families foster ~ a temporary setting where we can assess the Golden's health, behaviour, and make an informed opinion on what forever family would be the best fit. FTA families have the intention of adopting the Golden. We are careful to place Golden's with FTA families so that they have the best possible chance of success; however, despite our best efforts, a few have been returned and re-homed.

## What is the adoption success rate with FTA families?

Over 90% of FTA placements lead to successful adoptions. Some have to be moved to find more suitable families (i.e. issues with cats). If you want to read what a small sampling of adopters have had to say, please click on this link: <https://www.goldenrescue.ca/2019/01/testimonials-for-mission-of-love/>

Are the Golden's sedated before they travel?

No, we want them to be fully alert and able to move quickly and easily so they will land properly on their legs if they hit any

turbulence during the flight. Research tells us that animals can be injured during a flight if they're sedated. We know the flight is a traumatic experience for them, but we believe one more day of unpleasantness is a small price to pay for a happily-ever-after.

## What is the process for clearance through Canada Customs?

Golden Rescue is required to supply Canada Customs with the appropriate paperwork. Sometimes a Border Services veterinarian will take extra time to examine their passports or check out the dogs as part of the clearance process.

## How are the Golden's transported to Canada?

Some travel to Canada on a cargo plane and we have transported 10-34 dogs on a cargo flight. Many come here accompanied by flight parents ~ travellers who are willing to bring Golden's along with them. Either way, our rescue partners in Turkey, Egypt, and Mexico prepare them for the flight (i.e. getting them medically checked and tested, microchipped, passports in order, etc.). They transport them

in person to the airport, exercise them before putting them into crates, and check them in for their flight. Our volunteers and the vast majority of our adoptive families meet them upon arrival with open arms...and their new lives begin.

**In a world filled with people who couldn't care less... Be someone who couldn't care MORE!**



Indy #2409 (Istanbul)



# Killing our Golden Retrievers with Kindness

We all love our Golden Retrievers...of course we do. They bring such endless joy and unconditional love to our lives and it's difficult to remember what life was like without them. We take care of them and, in many ways, they take care of us. We want nothing but the best for them because, after all, they are our fur-babies. But did you know that we may be killing them with love? Overfeeding and giving frequent treats is putting them into an early grave when their lives are already too short. However, many of us don't know what is too much especially when we gauge it by our Golden Retrievers. It's really hard to resist those big brown eyes when all they want is more food and another treat and they always appear to be hungry. And we give them more because more equals love, right? This is not the case. Overfeeding can lead to a host of problems and health issues if not corrected, including obesity, diabetes, arthritis, breathing problems, and hip dysplasia. This, in turn, can lead to more vet and medication costs, which really isn't the main issue here. If overfed, Golden Retrievers also run the risk of gaining weight too quickly. So how can you tell if your Golden is overweight? One way is to physically exam him/her. If you can easily feel their ribs (without seeing them) and there is a visible waistline behind the chest, your Golden is likely an ideal weight. However, if the ribs are covered by a thick pad of fat or the waist isn't visible, these are signs that they are overweight. Other signs include mobility issues and lack of energy. The other way to determine if your dog is overweight is to visit your veterinarian and ask them, point blank, what your Golden's ideal weight should be. Before you go, you may want to keep a record of what, how much, and how many times a day you feed your Golden, including all treats and table scraps. This will help give your vet all the information required to determine if changes need to be made, suggested serving sizes, and feeding frequency. It is important to stick to this ideal weight as closely as possible and to tell friends/family members not to overindulge your Golden. It is up to you to control what your Golden consumes and the amount of exercise he/she gets. Withholding food/treats from your Golden may seem cruel, but being descendants of predators, they can withstand long periods without food. They won't starve if you cut back on the quantity. It is important for their overall well-being and health and may potentially prolong their life. We all want as much time as possible with our fur-babies!



## MEET & GREET

### Sari #2958

Sarisin (Sari for short) means 'Blondie' in Turkish. His arrival name 'Clyde' didn't suit him but he has taken to his new name beautifully. Sari arrived underweight with a wound on his ear and ear infections. It didn't take long to clear all that up and now Sari is doing beautifully. This boy loves meeting people and he got 100% on his training/behavioural course. He loves the car but prefers to ride shotgun (but is not allowed). We live in a semi-rural area and Sari loves his walks in the countryside; however, oddly there is one particular road that he is afraid of ~ must be something in his past that spooked him but on all other roads he is great. When he first went to doggie day care he was a bit too bossy with other dogs but that has totally changed and he has learned to play nice. Sari recently became Natural Paws Pantry's ambassador and greeter ~ a London-based natural pet food and grooming store. Sari has also found his 'voice'. When he sees us preparing his food, he emits a happy howl and then jumps like a kangaroo all the way to where we put his dish. Not only do we love him, he is obviously also very amusing.

**Heather & Dieter**

### PERFECT WEIGHT



This golden is trim & fit. Notice the waist indentation below the ribcage.

### OVERWEIGHT



This golden is overfed. The waist has disappeared & the body is sausage like.



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our heart to yours!**

# All Things GOLDEN

## TICK ALERT: Golden Owners Beware

With the arrival of warm weather comes the arrival of an annoying and possibly fatal pest ~ the tick.

What was once considered a nuisance found only in the wooded countryside has been persistently and increasingly invading cities both large and small. Now ticks can be as close as your neighbourhood park or your neighbour's backyard.

What, precisely, is a tick? A tick is a fairly common, external parasite that embeds itself in the skin of both animals and humans. Once it lands, it inserts its mouthparts into the skin and feeds on the blood. And that single tick has the potential to pass on multiple diseases.

Four species of ticks reside in Canada: Brown Dog Tick, Western Black Legged Tick, American Dog Tick, and Lone Star Tick. The most common tick in southern Ontario is the American Dog Tick which is considered to be a danger to dogs wherever woodlands exist. While all ticks are capable of carrying various diseases, it's the Western Black Legged Tick that's responsible for the transmission of Lyme disease which both animals and humans can contract.

Areas in Ontario known to have ticks carrying Lyme disease now include Long Point Provincial Park on the northwest shore of Lake Erie, Turkey Point Provincial Park on the northwest shore of Lake Erie, Rondeau

Provincial Park on the north shore of Lake Erie, Point Pelee National Park on the north shore of Lake Erie, Pinery Provincial Park on the southeast shore of Lake Huron, Rouge Valley/Rouge Park on the east side of the GTA, Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area on the northeast shore of Lake Ontario, and Wainfleet Bog Conservation Area on the Niagara Peninsula. Lyme-infected ticks are becoming more common in the Rainy River area of northwestern Ontario.

Prevention and early detection are the best ways of protecting your Golden against Lyme disease. The intent is to stop it before any symptoms appear. Should the disease progress, symptoms can include stiff, painful, and swollen joints and a limp that comes and goes, often appearing to switch sides. Some Golden retrievers may have an arched back and a stiff walk. More serious, however, are fever, difficulty breathing, and kidney failure, while heart and neurological problems are rarer.

To help protect your Golden, there are countless preventatives available on the market that stop ticks BEFORE they bite, killing, not only all of the major tick species, but acting as a flea treatment as well. Always consult your vet first; however, before purchasing any of these products or starting any form of medical treatment on your own.

When bitten, the skin of some pets may

become red and irritated around the site, while others may not even notice the parasite attached to them. It's imperative that you inspect your pet thoroughly when returning from areas known for ticks.

Should you find a tick, it must be removed very carefully to ensure that the mouthparts are fully removed. If left behind, they can abscess and cause an infection. Kill the tick by placing it in a zip-lock bag and pouring rubbing alcohol over it. For the uncertain owner, special tick removal devices are available, while the squeamish can have their vet remove the tick instead.

Some experts now advise that when your Golden is tested annually for heartworm disease, the same test should include screening for Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, and anaplasmosis (both bacterial infections). A positive test result enables you to start treating your pet early ~ before the onset of any symptoms.

Never was the expression "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" truer than in the case of tick prevention.

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### Cleo #2904

My name is Cleo and I arrived from Egypt on November 26th. Life in Cairo was not good. You should have seen how excited I was to be released from my crate after a long airplane ride. My new mom was crying (a LOT) and was so excited to welcome me into her arms. My dad was waiting for me at home and kept bugging us about how much longer we would be. My sister, on the other hand, was hoping I was just a visitor. I won her over though ~ in just a few weeks we were the best of friends. She's not crazy about when I bite her ears and tail ~ so I need to work on that. My mom describes me as cuddly, playful, and perfect. I like to always have my mom and dad in sight, because I never want to lose them. I love my new home, toys, and most importantly, my food and treats. One thing I wasn't so sure about though was snow. My second day here I saw snow for the first time and was scared of the white stuff. Now, I love to dig and jump around in it. My mom tells me, since I came shortly before Christmas, that I was the best present she has ever received. My sister wanted some new toys for Christmas as I ruined a lot of hers. I didn't have any Christmas wishes because I got the best present ever ~ a fabulous new fur-ever family. Thank you, Golden Rescue!

Stacie

**MEET & GREET**

# ‘Small world’ isn’t it, Beau?

## This is the story of Beau #2086,

a beautiful, ginger-coloured, six-year-old Golden. Beau had been surrendered twice before he finally found us...his forever family. His first family lived in a condo and Beau suffered from severe separation anxiety and literally howled the building down every time his family left him alone. He was reluctantly surrendered and adopted by a woman who instantly fell in love with him. Beau is a big boy with boundless enthusiasm and he’s ‘strong like bull’. Although a wonderful Golden, he was hard to handle and he knocked his new mom off her feet and broke her leg badly. His mom, however, would not give up on Beau because she loved him but friends finally convinced her that Beau needed to go to another family who were more able to deal with his strength. GR matched us with Beau...and we were perfect for him ~ a blended family with six children, another dog, a cat, and many friends with dogs. We are also marathon runners so our high-energy family and Beau were a natural fit. Not only that, with a large household like ours, sweet Beau was never alone, which solved his separation anxiety problems. Now, fast forward a few years. Beau’s second mom and we lived hundreds of kilometers apart and didn’t know each other at all. Through an odd set of circumstances and coincidences, we both ended up living in the same small community on Lake Huron very near to each other. In the spring of this year, we and Beau had an amazing heart-warming reunion with his previous mom. Beau is now receiving more love and attention than ever. As the saying goes “small world...but we wouldn’t want to paint it.”

**Rebecca & Larry**



## MEET & GREET ~ Dara #2967

This Istanbul girl came to Canada after suffering from mange and malnutrition. The Istanbul streets had not been kind to this poor girl. After a trip to the vet and a regimen of good, healthy food, Dara improved dramatically. Her new brother, Griffin, and Dara get along very well together and it’s funny to see a street dog teach Griffin manners, but she has. As for Dara’s new feline brother, Milo ~ there’s no love lost there. Dara is a very sweet, calm, and gentle Golden and she has settled into her new Canadian life beautifully...except she not crazy about snow but hey, she’s not alone, right? Adopting Dara has been such a positive experience for us, so we encourage anyone who is thinking of dog ownership to consider adoption.

**Tina**

# askSADIE



Sadie #2963

*It is with heavy hearts that we announce that on March 20th beautiful Goldie #654 crossed the rainbow bridge. She was well-loved by her family who describes her as a gift and who found joy in experiencing life through Goldie's eyes. She was a gentle, vivacious soul who lived life to the fullest. Goldie has been writing the Ask Goldie column since the fall of 2009...almost 10 years. We are grateful for her sage advice and for telling it like it is with grace and kindness. You will be dearly missed.*

My name is Sadie #2963 and I hope to provide you the same excellent advice that Goldie had. Looks like I have some big shoes to fill! For those of you who don't know me, I came from Istanbul in January 2019 and settled in with a nice family in Carlisle, Ontario. My mom describes me as sweet, cuddly, and a bit head strong at times and I love my stuffies ~ so much so, that sometimes the stitching comes out... oops. I recently had the mascot of a local pet food store named after me...yay! If you have any questions, please let me know and I'll be happy to help!

*Dear Sadie: Lately, I've been sneezing and itching a lot more than normal. Should I see my vet? Scratchy Sam*

**Dear Sam:** Allergies can be caused by either food or the environment and can have similar symptoms ranging from itchiness, sneezing, hair loss, swollen paws, and skin or ear infections. Seasonal allergies such as those caused by pollen or fresh cut grass typically occur during certain times of the year, whereas food (grains, soy, beef, wheat) and environmental allergies (dust, mold, cleaning chemicals) can happen any time. It wouldn't hurt to have your vet check you out and possibly run some tests to rule out skin mites, fungal infections or endocrine issues, such as hypothyroidism or Cushing's Disease. At the very least, you will find out what is causing your discomfort. Good luck!

*Dear Sadie: I'm new to my house and it looks like there's a pool in the backyard. Once the weather is warmer, I would love to jump in the water! Is there anything I should know before I do? Rex*

**Dear Rex:** There are a few things to consider before you take that dip. First of all, make sure you know how to swim. If you don't know how to swim, have someone teach you (your mom, dad, siblings or even a dog trainer), including how to exit the pool in case you ever accidentally fall in. If you still can't get the hang of it, consider wearing a life vest made specifically for dogs to ensure your safety while you enjoy your water time. Second, try not to drink the pool water. Although, it is safe in small amounts, too much chlorinated or salt water can cause gastrointestinal upset and electrolyte imbalances. Third, never go near a pool without supervision and take extra caution if your pool doesn't have a fence around it to prevent the risk of drowning. If you are allowed to roam free in the backyard, perhaps your mom or dad may consider putting up a fence as it will only add to your safety. Just be safe and enjoy your splashes!

*Dear Sadie: During my walk the other day, I drank out of a puddle and now I don't feel so good. Why? Isn't all water the same? Nauseous Nelly*

**Dear Nelly:** Oh dear ~ sadly, no. As thirsty as you might be at the time, it's best to avoid drinking any stagnant water sources such as puddles or lakes as they can be filled with all kinds of bacteria and can make you very sick. Along with causing nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, it may also lead to more serious health concerns like Leptospirosis, a bacterial infection that can cause severe damage to the kidneys and liver. It's important to drink lots of fresh water and to contact your vet if you experience any of these symptoms. You may need to be treated with antibiotics or anti-nausea medication. Feel better soon!

*Dear Sadie: With the warmer weather approaching, what summer safety tips can you offer? Lucy*

**Dear Lucy:** Summer can be a wonderful time of year but with it comes some hazards. Here are a few things to look out for. The heat is not our friend. Try to stay cool as much as possible by staying in the shade if outdoors for long periods of time or stay inside in air-conditioned spaces. Heavy panting, dry or bright red gums, thick drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, or wobbly legs can all be signs of heat stress which can lead to brain damage or even death. A good haircut and groom may help keep you cooler as well. You should NEVER be left in the car during the summer, as heat can reach dangerous temperatures in only a few minutes, even with the windows cracked open! Also, watch out while walking on hot pavement as it may burn those sensitive paw-pads. Ouch! Try to get your walks in early in the morning or in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Wear sunscreen on your ears, nose, and tummy as those can get sunburned and increase the risk of cancer. Sunscreen containing zinc oxide can be toxic so be sure to wear only formulas specifically made for pets. Be careful around pools and lakes, especially if you can't swim to prevent accidental drowning. Fleas, ticks (Lyme Disease), and parasites (heartworm, hookworms) can be an increased risk during warmer weather, so it's important to use proper prevention as prescribed by your vet. Last but not least, stay hydrated by drinking fresh, cool water often. I recommend adding wet food to your diet in the hotter months to help increase hydration. Whatever you do, have fun and be safe!

Sadie x🐾x



# MEET & GREET



## Tilley #2849

Tilley (who was JoJo) came from Cairo and she had a couple of false starts when she arrived in Canada. She wasn't great with other dogs (unsocialized) and she had separation anxiety. So, she wasn't exactly easy to adopt but it's because she was waiting for us. We came to Ontario and took her home to Nova Scotia and home she is! We are so in love with this sweet, spunky, fun, loving, wonderful girl. She is doing so well and has beautifully integrated herself into our lives! Although she is getting better, aside from occasional barking at other dogs and pulling here and there as she sniffs on her walks, she has not been a problem for even one second. She is so special and we can't imagine life without her!

**Leanne**



## Arielle #2976

Arielle travelled a long way to Canada (from Turkey) and she loves her new life. Her first foster-to-adopt family didn't work out because their dog didn't like Arielle but she's now living with us, her forever family, and she's having the time of her life. She was recently introduced to bones and, holy-moly, does she ever like those. She has been introduced to her house-mate, Boomer the cat. Arielle is anxious to play with Boomer but Boomer just wants to run and hide...for now. Arielle is slowly learning our Canadian ways and is doing well in obedience school. What a Turkish delight she is.

**Christine & David**



## Cher #2974

Cher came to Canada from Istanbul and immediately fell in love with our family and her new Golden brother. Wait for it...yes, his name is Sonny. Sonny was a rescue from Mexico so we are truly an international family. Cher thinks she has died and gone to heaven and apart feeling love all around her, she is understandably very focused on when she might next be fed. When she first arrived home, Sonny howled a very loud greeting as if to say "I've got you babe". Cher is an absolute gem, sweet natured, affectionate, and a huge cuddle-bug. Although she hasn't grasped the concept of toys yet, she never misses a chance to run with all her new Canadian friends at the dog park.

**Stephanie & Rob**



## Jolly #2714

Jolly is a man's man. He loves his new dad. Don't get us wrong, he loves me, his new mom, as well...but dad is his idol. He also loves his Great Dane brother and really 'looks up to him' (LOL). He has settled in beautifully with us and his only foible is sock chewing but he's working on that and hopes to figure it out before we run out of socks.

**Lynda**

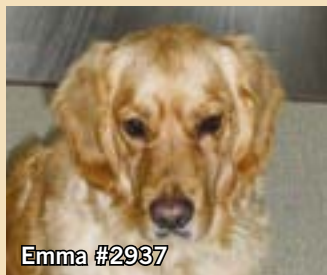
# WELCOME TO THE UNDER GOLDEN



**Grizzer #2926**



**Charlie #2932**



**Emma #2937**



**Jessy #2953**



**Kevin #2991**



**Leia #2988**



**Ellie #3021**



**Oliver #3035**

**Archie #2969**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Alexandria & Josh

**Arielle #2976**  
1.5-year-old female  
Adopted by Christine & David

**Beaker #3014**  
7-year-old male  
Adopted by Pamela & Steve

**Beki #3007**  
2-year-old female  
Adopted by Donna & Hoyt

**Bella #2938**  
3-year-old female  
Adopted by Erin & Ron

**Bella #2942**  
8-month-old female  
Adopted by Cathy & Jack

**Bonnie #2957**  
9-month-old female  
Adopted by Stephanie & Tayfun

**Brandy #2950**  
8-month-old male  
Adopted by Gail

**Buddy #2989**  
6-year-old male  
Adopted by Laura

**Cairo #3015**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Keri & Josh

**Carly #2977**  
8-year-old female  
Adopted by Bonnie & Brian

**Charli #2935**  
8-month-old female  
Adopted by Sheree

**Charlie #2932**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Laura & Robert

**Charlie #2997**  
6-year-old male  
Adopted by Debbie & Craig

**Chase #2972**  
7-year-old male  
Adopted by Joanne

**Cheno #2933**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Jamie & Nathan

**Cleo #2936**  
9-month-old female  
Adopted by Tim

**Clifford #2908**  
7-year-old male  
Adopted by Catherine

**Cody #2979 & Sully #2980**  
10 and 8-year old males  
Adopted by Mary & Neil

**Cohen #2932**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Colleen

**Cooper #2987**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Andrew

**Cooper #2993**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Karen & Doug

**Cooper #3037**  
9-week-old male  
Adopted by Wendy & Mark

**Dara #2967**  
4-year-old female  
Adopted by Tina & Paul

**Duke #2946**  
4-year-old male  
Adopted by Bill

**Ellie #3021**  
8-month-old female  
Adopted by Diann & Bradley

**Emma #2937**  
2-year-old female  
Adopted by Jean & Warren

**Fergus #3002**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Marise & Tim

**Finn #2994**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Susan & Larry

**Finnigan #2959**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Marissa

**Fiona #2982**  
1-year-old female  
Adopted by Marg & Dougal

**Gameela Rae #2890**  
5-month-old female  
Adopted by Ricki

**Gibson #2965**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Carolyn & Alan

**Gordie #2882**  
7-year-old male  
Adopted by Heather

**Grizzer #2926**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Cassandra & Dave

**Gryffindor #2949**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Stacey & Rob

# FAMILY



**Tucker #2956**



**Dara #2967**



**Chase #2972**



**Arielle #2976**



**Cooper #3037**



**Tia #3046**

**Hudson #2964**  
8-month-old male  
Adopted by Jeremy

**Jake #3019**  
10-month-old male  
Adopted by Ryan

**Jana #2952**  
9-month-old female  
Adopted by Elisa

**Jersey #2983**  
2-year-old female  
Adopted by Tara & Shawn

**Jessy #2953**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Jane & Steve

**Joe #2970**  
5-year-old male  
Adopted by Mary & James

**Kevin #2991**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Holly

**Laila #2922**  
1-year-old female  
Adopted by Susan & Gordon

**Lancelot #2835**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Kelly

**Leia #2988**  
6-year-old female  
Adopted by Elizabeth & Paul

**Leo #2921**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Brian

**Leo #2985**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Beth & Spencer

**Lio #2943**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Janet & Rick

**Lucy #2998**  
4-year-old female  
Adopted by Ruth & Joe

**Luna #2940**  
1.5-year-old female  
Adopted by Sherry & Matt

**Mad'ouk #3023**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Allison

**Max #2934**  
1-year-old male  
Adopted by Wendy & Ken

**Max #2939**  
10-month-old male  
Adopted by Kevin

**Max #3032**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Gayle & John

**Moose #2966**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Jennifer

**Mya #2984**  
1.5-year-old female  
Adopted by Connie & Don

**Oliver #3035**  
9-week-old male  
Adopted by Leanne & Ryan

**Payton #2853**  
4-year-old female  
Adopted by Michelle & David

**Rosy #2960**  
4-year-old female  
Adopted by Kristina

**Rudy #2931**  
9-month-old male  
Adopted by Judy & Bruce

**Rusty #2954**  
1.5-year-old male  
Adopted by Jane & Steve

**Sadie #2963**  
1-year-old female  
Adopted by Dagmar & Joe

**Sam #2968**  
3-year-old male  
Adopted by Joy & Peter

**Sammy #2822 & Bella #2823**  
8-year old male & female  
Adopted by Lori & Mitch

**Sandy #2900**  
1-year-old female  
Adopted by JoAnna

**Sarisin #2958**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Heather & Dieter

**Shadow #3010**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Carole & Greg

**Simba #3000**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Betty-Ann & Mike

**Simba #3001**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Vanessa & Taylor

**Spirit #2927**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Kim & Andrew

**Teddy #3011**  
2-year-old male  
Adopted by Jennifer & Kyle

**Tia #3046**  
2-year-old female  
Adopted by Helen & Gary

**Tucker #2956**  
6-year-old male  
Adopted by Laura

**Tucker #3036**  
9-week-old male  
Adopted by Laurie

**Ziva #2941**  
7-year-old female  
Adopted by Shauna

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GOLDENS!**

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