



# GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Spring just seemed to zoom right by and summer fell right into place with the heat and humidity.

With temperatures sometimes in the triple digits please remember to give your pets plenty of fresh water and keep them in shaded areas if you must be outside, walk your pets in the early morning or late evenings. Please don't forget that your pets are not safe in your car even with all the windows down, it can quickly get like a 400 degree oven causing heat stroke, brain damage or worse, death.

As always the intake team has been very busy. Calls are coming in everyday. If you find yourself in a position that you can help with the transport of a golden in need please contact Tamara Webb at [intake@goldheart.org](mailto:intake@goldheart.org).

We are also in need of foster homes. Some of our foster homes have 2 sometimes 3 or 4 fosters because there is just not enough foster homes for them all. We thank those foster homes from the bottom of our hearts and want you to know how valuable you are to GoldHeart.

GoldHeart spends a lot of money of vet care for these precious goldens that come into our care. I want to personally thank anyone that sent items off the Wish List because it sure helps us save money for surgeries or any other expenses that come up with a golden.

Our latest challenge was to raise funds for Tisha GH# 782. Tisha was diagnosed with PDA (Patent Ductus Arteriosus). Tisha had her surgery on July 2 and came home on July 5 and is recovering nicely. I want to thank every GoldHeart member past and present that donated to help Tisha. We could not have done it without you. Thank you never seems to be enough. I wish you all could meet this precious little girl. She has sure put a smile on our face and hearts around our house since we lost our 10 year old Ben. Without your help she would not have survived. Thank you all again so much for your donations.

### I HAD A NEW BABY AND I CAN'T KEEP MY DOG

I read a fascinating article about a study done on pets that lead to better children's health. The article started out saying that Fido the dog and Ginger the cat need not worry about being replaced by a new baby. In fact they could help parents raise healthier children. A new study finds that children who lived with dogs or cats during the first year of life got sick less frequently than kids from a pet-free zone. The study, published in Journal Pediatrics provides fresh evidence for the counterintuitive notion that an overly clean environment might not be ideal for babies. Sharing a home with a pet might be an early form of cross-training for the body's defense systems.

The next time someone calls and says they had a new baby and the dog has to go I would love to refer them to this article.

Thank you all again for always being there for GoldHeart

Barbara Schaefer

President

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

# Lap Dogs to Lab Dogs

From the Harrisburg Patriot-News, April 22, 2012.

Written by Elizabeth Gibson

In a recent article in Harrisburg's Patriot-News (April 22 – Elizabeth Gibson), attention was drawn to the practice of taking stray animals and selling them to laboratories for medical research. In some cases it was found that many of the animals had been stolen and sold to the labs. "Some are strays. Some are unwanted. The dogs are rounded up by 'suppliers' and sold to kennels, which sell them for big money to labs for scientific studies. The Feds have infiltrated these operations around the nation. Now they are raising questions about a midstate kennel. Hundreds of dogs are rounded up across the country, federal authorities say. Trucks bring them, in the middle of the night, to a rural kennel well off a narrow lane. Each animal brings \$50 to \$75. Dogs wait in a barn deep into a farm. Yelps and howls can't be heard from the nearest main road. Only a few neighbors know about the animal dealing operation."

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS.....IT WOULD BE HORRIBLE IF ONE DAY YOU LOOKED UP AND YOUR FOUR LEGGED FAMILY MEMBER WAS MISSING, ONLY TO BE SOLD OFF TO A LAB FOR "TESTING".

For more information about the practice and the article, contact Elizabeth Gibson at: [egibson@patriot-](mailto:egibson@patriot-)

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame...

GoldHeart President Barb Schaefer and her husband Bill, along with Sadie and Archie and Maggie, recently threw out the first pitch at the Harrisburg Senators baseball game. A booth was set up to raise awareness of the rescue and to help raise money to pay the many expenses that pile up daily.







In the never – ending process to raise funds and awareness, Barb & Bill once again took to the road to set up a booth at a recent Baltimore Orioles game at Camden Yards. This time, little Tisha was along for the ride, and helped to raise almost \$800.00 for GoldHeart. Unfortunately, the Orioles lost that night, but GoldHeart was a big winner, drawing in hundreds of people who wanted to meet all the dogs and get information about the rescue. Sadie was again the “incredible upside down dog” and Archie and Maggie were wonderful ambassadors for GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue.



Funny how there's a "Schaefer Circle" at Camden Yards....

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **AUGUST 4, SATURDAY**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Crab Feast**  
**Columbus Gardens 7PM to 11PM**  
**4301 Klosterman Ave. – Baltimore, MD 21236**

**Tickets: \$44.00 PP**

**Entertainment: DJ – Raffles – Wheels – Silent Auction**

**Menu:**

**Steamed Hard Shell Crabs – MD Crab Soup – Pit Beef – Va. Baked Honey Ham – Beef Barbecue**  
**Hot & Mild Sausage – BBQ Chicken – Macaroni & Cheese – Mashed Potatoes with Gravy**  
**Corn on the Cob – Bread – Rolls – Butter – Assorted Deserts – Soda – Coffee – Tea – Beer -Wine**

**For Tickets please contact: Donna Blake ([treasurer@goldheart.org](mailto:treasurer@goldheart.org))**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FUNDRAISER GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE RESCUE AND REHOMING OF OUR  
 BELOVED GOLDEN RETRIEVERS!**

## **AUGUST 12, Sunday – 1:35PM**

**Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game, Camden Yards, Baltimore, MD**

## **OCTOBER 20, Saturday – 11AM to 4PM**

**2012 BARCtoberfest**

**Patterson Park**

## GoldHeart Logo Shirts



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2XL – 3XL	\$28.50
4XL	\$30.50

Plus \$5 Shipping

All orders must  
be pre-paid.

Contact  
[www.goldheart.org](http://www.goldheart.org)  
 to order.



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Women's Size	Cost
XS – XL	\$29.75
2XL	\$33.75
Men's Size	Cost
S – XL	\$31.75
2XL	\$35.75
3XL – 4XL	\$37.75

Plus \$5 Shipping

# The Meaning Of Rescue

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed, all nicely tucked into my warm new bed.  
 I'd like to open my baggage, lest I forget. There is so much to carry, so much to regret.  
 Hmmm....Yep, there it is, right on top. Let's unpack loneliness, heartache and loss.  
 And there by my bed hides fear and shame. As I look at these things, I tried so hard to leave.  
 I still have to unpack my baggage called pain.  
 I loved them, the others, the ones that left me. But I wasn't good enough – for they didn't want me.  
 Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack?  
 Or will you just look at my things and take me right back?  
 Do you have time to help me unpack? To put away my baggage, and never repack?  
 I pray that you do – I'm so tired you see  
 But I do come with baggage. Do you still want me?  
 Author Unknown

Tisha had her surgery on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and came home July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 She is expected to make a full recovery. As you can see in the photo, she is up and running and playing with her toys, she does not even realize something was wrong. AHHH!  
 To be young again.



## Tisha Update



Thank you for all your donations.  
 Barb Schaefer  
 President



## HEY YOU!!

### DOGS LIKE US NEED



### A PLACE TO STAY FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS



WE COME IN ALL SIZES



SOMETIMES WE COME IN PAIRS



TALK TO A VOLUNTEER TODAY ABOUT FOSTERING... IT'S FREE & THE REWARDS LAST A LIFETIME



WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP YOU CLEAN



WE CAN BE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY



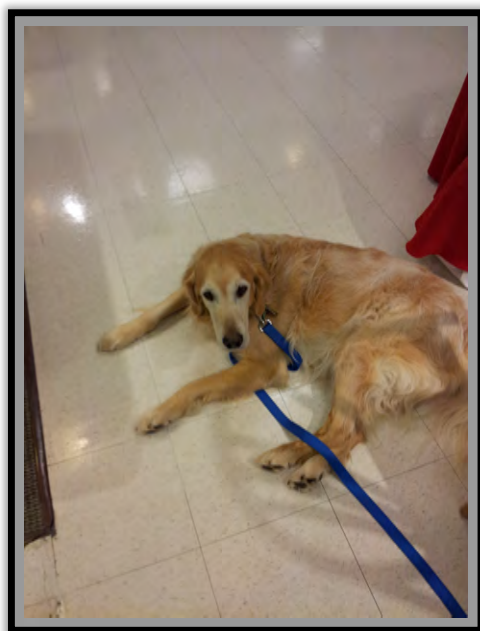
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**WE  
 NEED  
 HELP WITH  
 FOSTER  
 HOMES!**

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# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



**BEN**

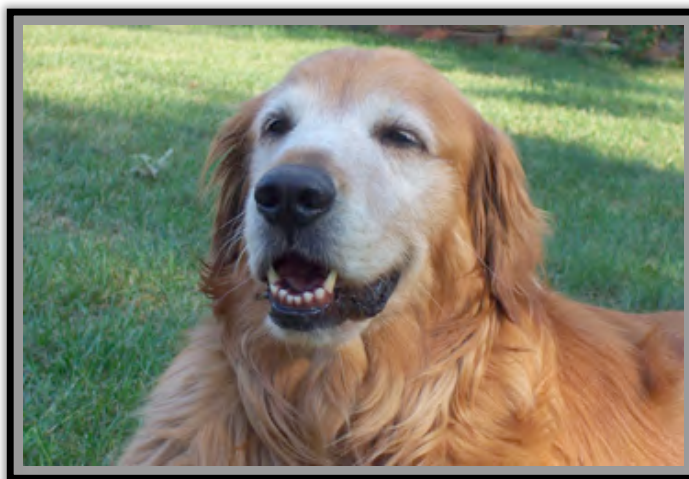
Although Ben was not a GoldHeart dog, he was a wonderful boy. His mom is President of GoldHeart and he helped welcome many many foster dogs into his home. He always let them know who was boss too. He was always laid back and I think told all the fosters that this is how a golden should act if you want to get "good dog" hugs and kisses.

Ben died at the young age of 10 from a rare blood disorder called Hemolytic Anemia. It hit hard and fast and we could not save our boy.

When he died, a piece of our hearts went with him. We miss you Ben, always.

Love...Dad, Mommy, Sadie and Archie

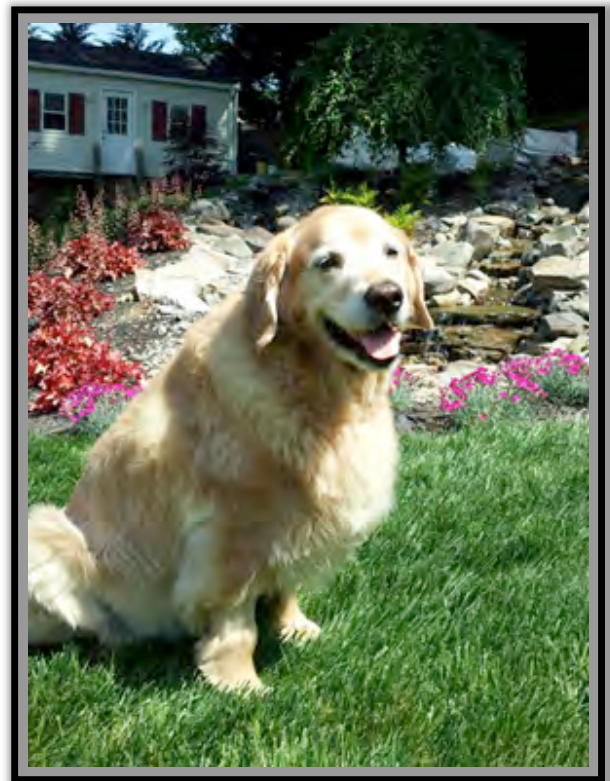
Play with all your friends at the Rainbow Bridge. We will all miss you. You always lived up to your name....Sue and Randy Kaufmann.



**ANGEL (GH 435)**

Buddy was surrendered and the young age of 7 and I was his new foster home. He was a well mannered, had a exuberant zest for life with a big heart and seemed to smile as he sashay his happy trot over to greet you. He was a gentle giant and a bit oafish....I knew I had my hands full but the joy he brought to me at our initial meeting was over whelming. As he jumped into the back seat of my car and we were driving home, some how I knew he jumped into my heart and he wasn't ever leaving my home. Buddy had a way about him that touched everyone he encountered and you couldn't help yourself but love him. Buddy and I would have many talks throughout the day and I would periodically leave my computer for a 15 minute snuggle with him on the floor followed by gentle kisses we exchanged. He was my confidant and best friend and in turn he reciprocated his love, faithfulness and devotion like no other. He was a true mascot of rescue when a foster came to stay with us. Buddy made sure they learned the "lay of the land" but yet made them feel safe during their challenging time and stay in our home. Although very stoic, I noticed in March a few symptoms Buddy was having that led me to believe he could be worst than he was letting on. I took him to the vet when Payton had his annual exam April 4th at which time the vet found a very large mass on his spline. The sonogram found a second mass, but no other forms of cancer. I decided to perform the surgery only to learn he had microscopic cancer which was aggressively growing and he would not have more than 4-6 weeks. I was provided the option of euthanize or to continue with the surgery. I opted with the surgery. Buddy was so special, I felt it was my turn to repay him for all the joy he brought to me and give him a chance to revisit all the loves of his life one more time. Over the last remaining weeks we went to the creek in the back yard for a swim, to the farm numerous times to visit his equine family and friends, back to Mrs. Teri for a bath and grooming and personally visited every family member and neighborhood boy and girl (and their parents) that became his extended family over the years.

Week six after the surgery, he began to decline quickly in health. I tried everything I could possible do to help but by Thursday am, he was bleeding out internally and very uncomfortable....breathing took all of his energy. I can't recall a time feeling more desperate and helpless, but I knew it was his time and scheduled the vet to come to my home that evening to stop his suffering. May 17th was the longest day of my life. After he gave me 3 gentle golden kisses and a long "I Love You" look with his big brown eyes, Buddy was laid to rest in my lap at the base of the backyard waterfall where he loved to sit on one of the ledges & drink after our evening walks. Buddy gave me a piece of his heart years ago and took a piece of mine this day. Sometimes we forget how fragile life is. We forget that life is painfully limited. It seems so unfair that those limits so soon end the time we have with those we love. Yes....life is fragile, but how precious the time....how beautiful the memories. I will always love you Buddy! May you rest in peace....XOXO Mommy



**BUDDY (GH 531 )**

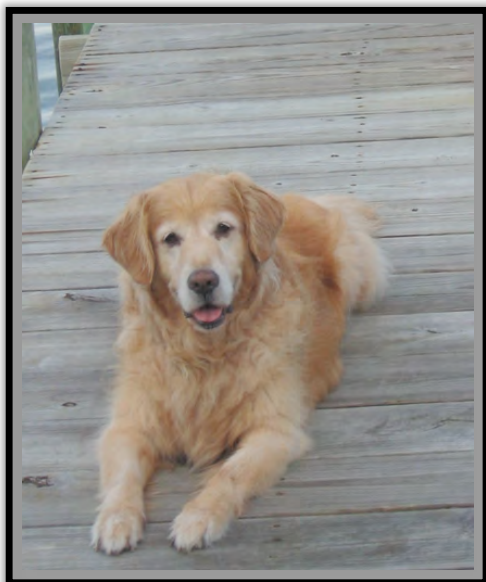




**DINO (GH 623)**

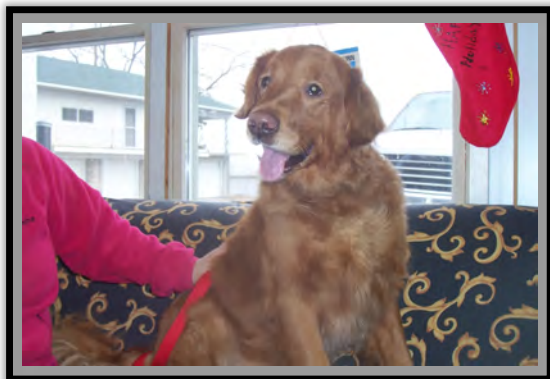
He was our first foster dog. The intake coordinator said since he needed to be moved from another foster home and that he would “test the stuff you’re made of”, Dino had been dumped in a shelter not once, but twice and was only guessed to be about 3 – 4 years old when GoldHeart took him in. A beautiful dark red dog with a very high energy level, high prey drive and a wanting to get out of the fence/door and run if he could. He did not know how to play with other dogs, but he learned fast that first day, and now he had a yard where he could finally be let off the lead and get some of that energy out.

In the beginning Dino did not really seem to “connect” with you, but in the days that followed he opened up and we realized what a smart and wanted to be loved dog he was. Months went by, and no right adopters for him, we decided we could not part with him and he found his forever home with us. He was a very smart dog and though a challenge, we certainly loved him, understood him, and there was never a moment we were sorry we adopted him. Dino gave us so much love in return, it is heartbreaking that his time with us was so short. Dino, we love and miss you so much, you are always in our hearts. Your forever family....LaDonna, Keith, Daphne, Bumper and Little Bitty



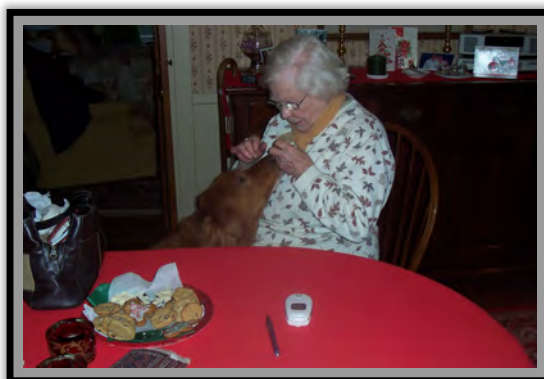
**ABBY (GH 233)**

Abby, from the moment I picked you up on that rainy night from those people who did not want you, I knew that you would be special. What joy you brought to my life, to your brother, Beau, and to the lives of so many humans! You were my constant companion and my best friend. I miss waking up and seeing your adoring face; curling up and watching TV with you; returning home to have you waiting at the door with one of my shoes in your mouth; playing catch with you on the beach; walking the boardwalk with your leash in your mouth and stopping to say hello to everyone—we made so many friends because of you! I was blessed to have you in my life for 8 ½ years. I hope your time with me was the best that life could offer— that is what you deserved. Sleep softly, my Ab. Run free and be happy. I hope Beau was waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge—he loved you too!...Sue



**BUDDY (GH688)**

Miss Joy & Buddy. He seemed to love her the minute he laid eyes on her. Miss Joy gave Buddy a wonderful 1 ½ years. What a nice Christmas present he was for her. Rest well Buddy!





## **FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART**

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contact@scooperhero.com

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Everyone at GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc. would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday season. We hope that this special time of year brings you closer to your loved ones, both two and four legged. Thank you for your continuing support and generous contributions to our

