



GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHO WILL CARE FOR YOUR DOG?

GoldHeart has taken in a lot of lost, stray and owner surrenders this year. Each and every dog has a story that could reduce you to tears and has, but the saddest stories of all are the goldens whose owner has passed away and made no provisions for that beloved pet.

All of our adopters know and I am hoping they remember to tell family members that when an owner passes away that golden is to be returned to the GoldHeart family. Please remember to put that in writing somewhere (keep it with your will) and make sure your family knows that. Your family may request to adopt that golden and that has been done in the past. We certainly don't want to take that golden from family members. In the event that no one wants the golden he/she will be brought back into the rescue and placed in another foster home until a "forever home" can be found.

Please pass this advise on to friends and family who have pets of any kind whether they are GoldHeart Goldens or not. Don't just go on the assumption that family members will take care of your pets that you leave behind. It's usually those family members who will take your precious pet, put it in the car and take it to the shelter. There is nothing so devastating to a pet than to lose it's owner and then wind up in a shelter. Owner surrender dogs can be humanely euthanized immediately because there is no mandatory hold on them like a stray.

I personally have arrangements made with my family and have papers signed that my cousin will take my 2 if something happens to me or I will take her 2 if something happens to her.

I beg you to take a few minutes and think hard about what will happen to your dogs if you are no longer there. They are part of your family and you should have written instructions of where they should go and how they should be taken care of.

If you go to the GoldHeart home page, you will see "Planning for your beloved golden" Wills and Trusts. You can download the documents to make sure that in the event of your passing, your 4 legged family members will end up in the best hands possible. Please don't put it off any longer. Make sure your best friends are taken care of.

Thank you for always being there for GoldHeart
 Barbara Schaefer
 President

RENEW YOUR GOLDHEART MEMBERSHIP

Conveniently pay your Annual Membership renewal online! The \$30 donation will be handled securely through PayPal. If you don't have a PayPal account, they will process your credit card payment from Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Go to www.paypal.com to make your Annual Membership Renewal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDRAISERS:

4TH ANNUAL BRUNCH

Fundraiser – Sunday September 11th
12:30PM – 4:30PM
THE HARP
8706 Belair Road
Perry Hall, MD 21236

Tickets: \$35.00 per person
DJ, Raffles, Wheels, Merchandise Table, Silent Auction

Menu:

Eggs Benedict, Scrambled Eggs
Seafood soufflé, French toast with pecan glaze, Bacon, Sausage, Homemade Hash Browns,
Slow Roasted Beef, Veggie Pasta, Fresh Fruit, Caesar Salad
Breakfast Breads, Desserts
Beer, Wine, and Soda

ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

For tickets contact:
Donna Blake
treasurer@goldheart.org

WOOFSTOCK

Sunday September 18th
11AM – 5PM
Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA

DOG DAYS IN THE PARK

Saturday October 1st
John Rudy Park, York, PA
Visit www.goldheart.org for details

DOGFEST 2011

Saturday October 15
Rain Date October 22

Baltimore Humane Society
1601 Nicodemus Rd.
Reisterstown, MD
www.dogfest.org

FALL FLOWER FUNDRAISER

This event is to buy bulbs now to plant for early spring flowers. Gold Heart did very well with this event last year.....

LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!!

For information go to:
www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=8154

ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday October 22, 1 – 5 PM
Barb & Bill Schaefer's Home
2801 Lisburn Rd. Camp Hill, PA

This year's picnic will be a PIG Roast to show our appreciation to the members and volunteers who work so hard all year for GoldHeart. We ask that you please bring a covered dish. Please go the first letter of your LAST name to see what type of dish you could bring.

- A – G:** Some sort of main dish (meat, chicken, we will have hot dogs available for kids or adults who do not like pork)
H – N: Side dishes
O – Z: Desserts

There is a large fenced in yard for the pups to run around in. We usually set up baby pools so you may want to bring a towel and you are welcome to bring your Golden if you know he or she can tolerate a lot of dogs. Although it is always wonderful to see all the dogs that have found forever homes, if you know your adopted Golden becomes stressed in that type of situation, please, for everyone's safety...leave them home.

Please let us know if your family plans to attend and how many humans and dogs you plan to bring by October 10. Rsvp to: president@goldheart.org

GoldHeart will be selling \$5 tickets for a chance to win \$100 worth of gas. We have two (2) \$100 gas cards. Winners will be announced at the picnic. You need not be present to win.

Contact Donna Blake: treasurer@goldheart.org or Barb Schaefer: president@goldheart.org

2012 GOLDHEART CALENDAR NEEDS YOUR PICTURES

We are getting ready to start putting together the 2012 GoldHeart calendar so we are asking for you to start sending in your submissions! Please send your high resolution images (300 dpi) along with a few comments about your dog(s). Please no humans in the photos.

Deadline for submissions is September 10, 2011. We hope to have the calendars done and available for purchase at the picnic this fall.

Send your photos and comments as an attachment to goldheartcalendar1@gmail.com

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

Hello Everyone:

This is Barbara Schaefer, President of GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue.

I wanted to bring some very important information your way and a reminder of everyone's adoption contract information.

As you all know, when you adopt a GoldHeart Golden, he or she has been completely vetted. Spayed/Neutered, up to date on all vaccines, tested for Lymes/Heartworm and treated for that if necessary. Vet bills are our biggest expense. We spent over \$45,000 last year.

Your adoption contract states that you will keep your GoldHeart Golden up to date on vaccines and on monthly flea/tick and heartworm. It also states that you will have the golden tested yearly for heartworm. I know in today's economy sometimes we think that we can just skip it for awhile and start it up later when the money is not so tight.

We have had some GoldHeart goldens turned back in to the rescue for one reason or another and they have come in not up to date on their shots, ear infections, have not been on heartworm or flea/tick for months.

Heartworm is a very deadly disease and one that is very preventable. This year GoldHeart has already treated 2 goldens for heartworm. It is a very costly, painful procedure. We are being told by the vets that medication for Heartworm is becoming scarce and new cases coming in may not be able to be treated. This is very devastating news, especially for the goldens or any dog being infected with heartworm.

Please keep your GoldHeart golden and any other dog you may have up to date on their heartworm and have them tested yearly so they stay healthy and heartworm free. For any dog to die in today's world from heartworm is just negligence on the owner's part. Again, this is a very preventable disease with just a pill a month. It is not costly, but whatever the cost is, it is certainly worth your beloved family member's life.

Thank you for taking care of your GoldHeart golden and providing a wonderful home for them.

Barb Schaefer
President
GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue



GoldHeart Goldens Need YOUR Help!

Goldens need GoldHeart's benevolent assistance in ever increasing numbers. Families are falling on hard times or develop medical issues, which demand the heart wrenching decision to surrender their beloved Golden family members. Rehoming these displaced Goldens is what GoldHeart is here for! But, we can't help as many as we would like to without YOUR help. These suddenly family-less Goldens need a safe place to call their temporary home, where they're loved and cared for – until they are united with their new forever family.

Commercial boarding facilities are a true blessing when available. They help out by providing shelter, safe haven, kindness and much devoted love. The kind folks working there are doing their level best showering GoldHeart Goldens with as much gentle kindness as they can, often laying wonderful obedience training foundations. Their task is manifold, attention has to be shared with many fuzzy kids who spend their vacations there. Sadly, we cannot afford to keep our furkids there for very long, as we have to prioritize funds to cover the consistently rising veterinary expenses.

Won't you please consider becoming a Foster Home for GoldHeart's Goldens to help these sad faces smile again? Golden Retrievers are one of the most rewarding breeds to rescue. The Golden has the admirable ability to embrace life at face value, which makes fostering a truly warm and fuzzy rewarding labor of love.

We are often asked, "How do you give them up once they've been a part of your family?" Placing a dog in a wonderful home is more rewarding than you can imagine and as a foster home you can save many more than you could ever adopt.

Please help us help these wonderful Goldens. Volunteer today by calling: 410-877-9697

FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART

Grooming

www.canaltownelabs.com

Kristin Wade

Dirty Dog Makeover

Annette Melhorn

Mobile Groomer

717-324-8430 or 717-308-1900

Boarding and Facilities

Tail End Kennel

6225 Glen Falls Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136
410-833-6767

Shopping – Pets

The Feed Bag

14227 Jarrettsville Pike

Phoenix, MD 21131

410-628-6501

You Lucky Dog

1213 Liberty Rd, Suite E

(Behind Bob Evans)

Eldersburg, MD 21784

410-795-1033

Petsitting and Training

All for the Animals

Pet Care Professionals, Inc

Lisa Breece, Petsitter

Services

ScooperHero

3114 Royston Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21214

410-319-6630 or 1-877-319-6630

contact@scooperhero.com

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Pictures from last year's Picnic at the Schaefer Home



Great Fun, Great Food and
GOLDENS!!!





No, this isn't Maggie. It's Molly, Maggie's baby.



...LOTS
AND LOTS
OF
GOLDENS!

GOODBYE SAWYER

GH#576

Sawyer came to the rescue in August, 2009. He was a victim of CraigsList. Given up the first time around by his owners and then taken for free by another family and then turned over to GoldHeart after his 2nd family did not want him.

Sawyer was such a scared little fellow and sort of an odd looking golden, very small head, very big body and such a clown when he came into the rescue at about 2 – 3 years old and we knew someone special was needed for him. That was the Zawoysky family. Upon meeting Mike and Vicki and their daughter Kalla, he immediately climbed into her lap and that was that, they were best of friends.

Sawyer got sick on Friday, July 15, 2011, and on Saturday was taken to the ER vets by his family where he lost his battle with something the vets are not sure of. He was diagnosed with pancreatitis which they could treat but continued on a downhill spiral no matter what the doctors tried. Sawyer crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at about 4 years of age with his family by his side.

At GoldHeart we all know the pain they are going through and will keep them in our prayers.

Even though they have another golden Emmitt and they are in the process of adopting Ella (GH#716) who they have been fostering since May, Sawyer will be sadly missed by the family, but especially Kalla.

We at GoldHeart want to thank the Zawoysky family for taking Sawyer into their hearts and their home when he started his life out so unloved and unwanted. In the short 2 years they had him, he made them laugh a lot.

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I always had the pleasure of babysitting the dogs whenever the family would go on vacation.

RIP sweet boy for you are now in a place where there is no need to be afraid of anything anymore and know that you will be missed by all.

Barbara Schaefer
President
GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue



MORE FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART

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Veterinary Clinics

ChurchvilleVet.com
Churchville Veterinary Clinic
Greenbrier Veterinary Clinic
Swan Creek Veterinary Clinic

Healing Hands Animal Hospital
727 East Main Street
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-742-4884
Dr. Carol Lewis, DVM

Mt. Airy Veterinary Associates
1312 South Main Street
Suite 9
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
301-829-4099

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Shiloh Veterinary Clinic
100 Morgan Lane
York, PA
717-767-1080

GoldHeart would like to thank Country Comfort Kennels of Delta, PA for their wonderful help.

GoldHeart would also like to thank the Central PA Animal Alliance for helping us to set up low cost vaccine clinics and for having their trainers help us with some difficult foster dogs.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

Last, but not least....

Quite a few of our members lost their precious goldens this year. They have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge and our hearts go out to those families.

Boomer, Buddy, Custard, Jake, Jack, Amber, Austin, Brandy, Toby, Sawyer (Soybean).

YOU WILL BE MISSED TERRIBLY. REST WELL.

Hopefully, we did not leave anyone out.



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