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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



By David Beaver

Members and Lovers of Golden Retrievers, GoldHeart had its annual meeting in January, and our Board remains the same, David Beaver, President, Barbara Schafer, Vice President, Donna Blake, Treasurer, Melissa Bag-eant, Secretary, Board Members at Large, Edie Galpin, Intake and Foster Home Coordinator, Application Coordinator, Lisa Hecker, and Dana Cubbage. We finished 2008, with income matching expenses! What an achievement!! Thank you to all the members who attended our events, and donated time to ensure the success of GoldHeart. Without our valued volunteers, we can not help the number of Golden's we do. Last year GoldHeart took in our 500th Golden!

The first couple of months for GoldHeart have been a continuation of the same successes we experienced in 2008. GoldHeart again participated in the World of Pets Expo & PawsAbilities, which were very successful. We had our first fundraiser, Vera Bradley BINGO. It was a great success, thanks to all the volunteers who made it fun for all, especially Trish Thomas and Donna Blake. Without their efforts in coordination and organizing the event, GoldHeart would not have raised the extraordinary funds we need to meet our mission.

As you may or may not know, intakes have been slow in the beginning of 2009. As a result, GoldHeart has turned its attention to other rescues, both local and national, to see if we can bring more Golden's in need to forever homes into our service area. We will continue to work these avenues as long as we are able to assist; and provided our traditional areas of intake remain slow.

GoldHeart is celebrating our 10th Anniversary this year. We are looking to increase the number of "special events" this year. In addition to the bull roast, the Board is looking for other ways we can celebrate. Your suggestions are greatly appreciated. One member has suggested a dance in October (our Anniversary month). Yet another member suggested a costume party for both members and our furry friends for Halloween. Please email the board at board@goldheart.org with your suggestions.

Just as a reminder, we have plenty of 2009 calendars (\$10.00) and 2009 Entertainment (\$10.00) books still available; all proceeds go directly to the care of our furry friends.

Thank you,
David Beaver



2nd Annual Bull Roast!!!

Details coming soon!

To volunteer please
contact Donna Blake
via email:

treasurer@goldheart.org

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!

Join GoldHeart's Team of Foster Homes to share the truly rewarding experience of coming home to your foster Golden's happy smile and enthusiastically wagging tail welcoming you back as if you are their long lost best friend. The joy of noticing your success when he or she has learned to sit or walks on a leash without pulling too hard. Snuggling on the couch knowing your foster dog is content by your side and so much more. The Foster Home Team is there to support you, to help you and offer guidance through whatever questions or concerns may arise. If you have additional questions or would like to volunteer to be a Foster Home, please contact our Foster Home Coordinator via email or phone:

foster@goldheart.org or 410-877-9697

*Also see page 8

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Just pick your design first (Golden's are under "Sporting") and then your color/style of t-shirt. Or design something for family/friends in their favorite breeds! You can also call them and they will guide you through which designs look best on which color shirts. Either way, please remember to go through the GoldHeart website first or mention GoldHeart if you speak to them on the phone.

***Note that their designs are copyrighted**



Looks great on the pale blue t-shirt!

You can request that any wording at the bottom is removed for your shirt! I like mine better that way!



Looks great on a white shirt!



Looks great on the pale blue & pink shirts!



Amazing on the pale green shirt! I had the word "Golden" removed first for mine!



Denis Canavan



GoldHeart extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the esteemed Mr. Denis Canavan, who sadly passed away last December. GoldHeart was the deeply appreciative designee of donations in lieu of flowers, honoring Mr. Canavan. GoldHeart's volunteers, and especially the Golden retrievers entrusted into our care, bow our heads in sympathy and humble gratitude to Mr. Canavan's legacy and these kind donors:

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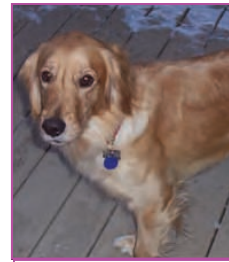
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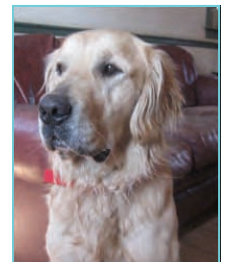
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 A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the Vera Bradley bingo! It was a HUGE success!!! A special thanks to:

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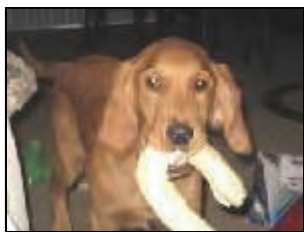


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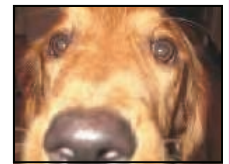
"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich"

- Louis Sabin

Lovely Lily

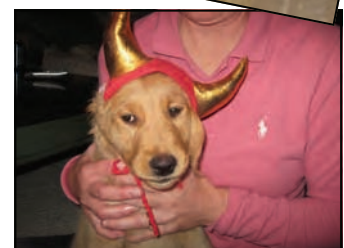
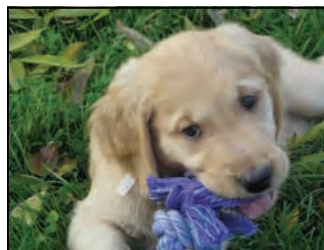


We are one of the fortunate families to have been accepted to adopt one of the eleven Maggie puppies. Since the day we brought her home, Lily has been the hit of the neighborhood! Needless to say, puppies attract people. I just never realized how many. We expected the many children, but it didn't end there. Teenagers, adults and even elderly people were attracted to Lily. On every walk, as time has gone by, we have talked to so many new people, people we would have never met, had it not been for Lily. She has brought joy as well as the added excitement to our household, and we couldn't



We are so truly thankful for all of the wonderful people that we have met through GoldHeart - Donna, Barb and Bill, and especially Edie. She spent a great amount of time on the phone with us as well as in our home answering all of our many questions. In my opinion, there is no where else to adopt a Golden than from GoldHeart. The people who comprise this rescue are the finest people on this earth and I am so blessed that I have known them.

Eternal thanks,
The Kenney Family - Paul, Gloria, Natalie and especially Lily



Meet Jake!

We have been Lab & Golden lovers all of our lives. We wanted a Golden Retriever to join our family, including a black Lab named Sophe & cats Sunny & Wings. A colleague of mine recommended GoldHeart rescue, & little did we know how fortunate we would be & how our hearts would melt at the sight of the bundle of joy we would soon be adopting.



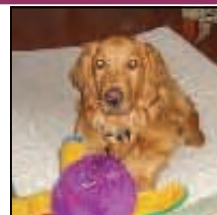
Jake at 8 weeks with his new sister Sophe

We were approved to adopt through GoldHeart & were anxiously checking our emails on a regular basis looking for a Golden to adopt. In August of 2008 we saw a litter of 11 puppies that would be available to adopt in October. We emailed GoldHeart, along with numerous others, expressing interest in adopting one of these babies.

We received a phone call from GoldHeart on Friday, October 3rd, wanting to know if we were still interested in one of the puppies. Our prayers were answered! We brought home baby "Jake" on October 7 at the age of seven weeks. We knew he would be a handful, literally, as he had the largest paws of any puppy we had ever seen. Today, it is hard to believe that our little baby Jake, who weighed just 10 pounds at seven weeks, is our "Jakeman", now weighing 70 pounds at six and a half months. He is our "GENTLE GIANT".

Jake loves to go for long walks in the woods, or go for beach walks at Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, snuggle with his parents on the sofa or burrow his head in one of our laps, play with his toys & sister Sophe. Jake also attends Happy Dog Care day camp two to three days a week, playing inside and outside all day with dozens of dogs. Jake comes home a very happy and exhausted puppy.

We are very grateful to GoldHeart for choosing us to be adoptive parents. We have had such a rewarding experience with Jake and GoldHeart that we have volunteered to conduct home visits to assist other families in giving Golden Retrievers a loving home.



Jake now at 70 lbs!

Life "after Koda"

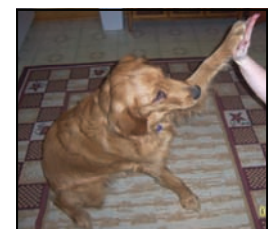


He has been a true blessing to our whole family. He brings joy & love to each of us but in different ways. Koda LOVES his walks and to run around the yard with his toys, especially with Sharon. He is the first to greet you when you get home & when you wake up in the morning. He knows when the garage door opens that someone is home to play with him. He can't wait for Chelsea to wake up in the morning & his tail is a constant wag. He sits at her door just waiting for any sound to let him know she's awake. He likes to play with Paige & he picks on her every chance he gets! He loves to give her kisses & to bark to get her attention. As far as Krista goes, he loves to go outside with her & play 'keep-away'. He even tries to get 'extra' treats every chance he gets. His sad 'puppy-dog' look is his way to get into your heart & the love just keeps on growing. He is so cute that when we are walking him around the neighborhood, people driving by actually stop to admire him & tell us how cute he is. He is the best thing that has happened to our family. Everyone may think that 'we rescued Koda' but in reality, 'KODA RESCUED OUR FAMILY'.

So, we personally want to thank GoldHeart and ESPECIALLY BARB AND BILL for the opportunity to have such a joy and loveable addition to our family.

Thank you again,

Sharon, Chelsea, Paige and Krista



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Harford County Farm Fair

July 30, 31 thru Aug. 1, 2,, 2009

Equestrian Center
608 N. Tollgate Road
Bel Air, Maryland

farmfair.org

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Melissa at:

secretary@goldheart.org

Maryland SPCA March for the Animals

April 19, 2009

Druid Hill Park
Baltimore, Maryland

mdspca.org/events/mfa.html

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Melissa at:

secretary@goldheart.org



2nd Annual Bull Roast!

Details coming soon.

To volunteer email Donna Blake at:

treasurer@goldheart.org

2009 Annual Meeting Photos!



WE SALUTE OUR FOSTER HOMES!

Foster homes are the key ingredient for GoldHeart's success. Without them, we would be out of business!
A big "thank you from the bottom of our hearts".

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Intake & Foster Home Support

You can make a difference and help GoldHeart's Goldens!

Volunteer position description:

Responds to intake inquiries, answers surrendering owner's answers, gathers intake information, obtains pix of new GR and vet records when possible, arranges dog's evaluation/intake/transport, identifies suitable Foster Home, provides guidance to Foster Home during foster time.

Needed requisites:

Available to make calls when needed/anytime (unlimited LD service is very helpful), email access, some common dog-sense and a love for Goldens.

Nice and helpful to have:

Fax machine

If you feel that you can spare anywhere from 10 up to 20+ hours of volunteer time per week and can be available at moment's notice to make calls, please call Edie for more information.

We're hoping to have a support team comprised of several volunteers to lighten the task on hand in this truly rewarding endeavor.

Edie Galpin; H: 410-272-6647

ECONOMIC FORECAST: ONE MILLION PETS MAY LOSE HOMES



The current U.S. financial crisis has the potential to grow into a serious animal welfare issue, warns Executive Vice President of ASPCA Programs, Dr. Stephen Zawistowski. As households across the country are caught in the economic downturn, an estimated 500,000 to one million cats and dogs are at risk of becoming homeless.

"According to national financial estimates, approximately one in 171 homes in the U.S. is in danger of foreclosure due to the subprime mortgage crisis," Zawistowski observes.

"Considering that approximately 63 percent of U.S. households have at least one pet, hundreds of thousands are in danger of being abandoned or relinquished to animal shelters."

To avoid or ease the heartbreak of losing an animal companion due to economic hardship, the ASPCA urges pet owners who are faced with foreclosure to think of alternatives ahead of time:

- See if friends, family or neighbors can provide temporary foster care for their pet until they get back on their feet.
- If they are moving into a rental property, get written permission in advance that pets are allowed.
- [Contact the local animal shelter, humane society or rescue group before they move.](#) If a shelter agrees to take the pet, they should provide medical records, behavior information and anything else that might help the pet find a new home.

"Everyone is being affected by the current economic crisis in some way," says ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres.

"Community animal shelters and rescue groups across the country may soon be seeing an increase in homeless pets or a decrease in the donations they rely on."

We urge ASPCA News Alert readers to help in any way that you can:

- Adopt a homeless pet.
- Donate used blankets, towels or even tennis balls to your local animal shelter.
- Foster adoptable animals until they find their forever homes.
- Help community members who may be struggling to take care of their pets.

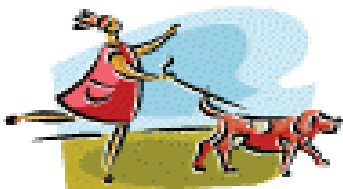
For more information on pets in the economic crisis, please visit our pressroom.

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foster@goldheart.org
or call GoldHeart at:
410-877-9697



If you are interested in participating in a private vacation pet sitting exchange, please contact Edie by email:

zerberus57@yahoo.com

For legal and liability reasons, GoldHeart CANNOT officially sponsor this exchange, but Edie is glad to assist by referring interested folks to each other!

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GoldHeart has entertainment books for only
\$10.00

That includes shipping/handling.

They do start expiring in Nov. 2009, but using it just 1 or 2 times makes it worth it! This price is less than half of the original price.

We have books for: Baltimore/Wash D.C./York & Lancaster PA

To order, contact the secretary by email: secretary@goldheart.org
or by mail: GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771

A new Beginning and a Band-aid for the Heart

Back on July 19th, 2008 I was devastated with the loss of my 13 year old Golden Retriever Maisey from cancer. Not only was I depressed, but so was our 11 year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Harry, who had been with Maisey since we first brought him home as a puppy. I sent out an email to everyone who had known me and Maisey, and was brought back in contact with Donna Blake, whom years before I had done a home visit for her, to get her GoldHeart dog Angel. (When Maisey had become too bad health wise, I had stopped volunteering home visits for rescue and had been out of contact with GoldHeart.) Donna offered her support with my loss by email, and a phone call brought us back into contact once again. She encouraged me to apply to GoldHeart for a Golden sometime in the future. I knew there would be another Golden in my future; it was just a matter of when.



Harry & Daphne



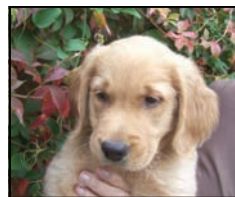
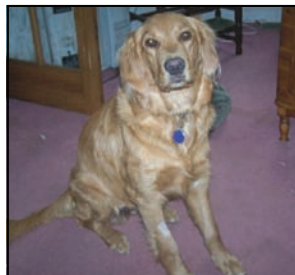
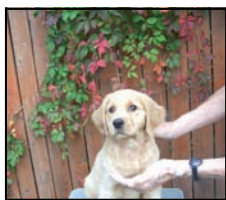
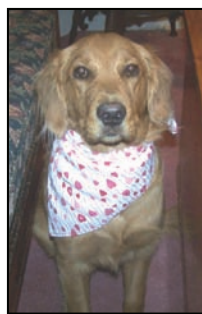
In August 2008 a litter of puppies were born to GoldHeart's Maggie and I prayed we might one of the lucky ones to get a puppy. All of the praying must have worked because I got a call from Barb Schaeffer to make an appointment to go and see the puppies when they were 6 weeks old! I went to see the litter and little Daphne stood out to me because she was sitting in the circle of all the puppies clambering for attention just observing the happenings, and was the plumpest puppy there. It was hard waiting until she was 8 weeks old and I could bring her home.

In the mean time, Harry was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, another blow to us, but he is doing well with his cancer and loves his little sister. Daphne has really lifted his spirits and we believe extending his life.

It had been some 11 years since we had a puppy in our house, and lot's of things to be re-learned again, but what a joy! Just watching this baby girl grow and learn has brought Golden laughter back to our house, and whether she is sleeping at me feet, or curled up next to her brother Harry, she just melts me. She truly is a miracle, and a Band-Aid for broken hearts.

Many thanks to Donna Blake, and Barb Schaeffer, for trusting us with such a precious gift. We love her more each day! Actually, thanks to all the members of GoldHeart who have been so supportive of us and Daphne.

LaDonna Puryear & Keith Vinroe



Daphne loves her big brother Harry!

Past Events

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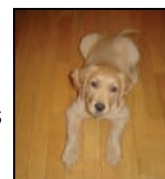


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Meet Kona!

Kona has become an instant family member for Sara, Sam, Lisa and Scott. As with all new members of a family, an adjustment period for all members was expected. Kona took immediately to her new surroundings, the big front yard, her crate, sleeping through the night (yes!), eating properly, getting her veterinarian care, new toys, etc. Then once Kona's comfort level was over, her level of intrigue & curiosity took over. Kona trying to build a relationship with the two cats (not easy), to teething (everything is fair game), to running around with endless, boundless energy. Of course, she's not staying the size of a cute little puppy, she's growing like a weed, coming into her own with the neighborhood dogs. For training, Kona has successfully passed her puppy training course, or, I might add, the family successfully passed the course. Although the weather this winter has been bitterly cold, Kona requires her 2 - 3 walks a day & multiple ball throwing games. Kona has successfully completed her spaying surgery & is in excellent health. As I write this letter, Kona is persistent on befriending the cat, wagging her tail, down on all fours, with eyes looking at the cat, saying 'I just want to be your friend'. Time for our morning walk & a big Thank You to GoldHeart for the opportunity to have a special family member in our lives.



The Wallace Family



Here's Buddy!

When we lost our beloved "baby boy" after 13 years, we vowed "no more". But after a month of coming home to an empty & clean house (no hair – no mud) we put in our adoption request. Each day, after our home visit, we hoped we would get the call that a Golden had become available for us. Donna, (who conducted our Goldheart visit) assured us that you never know when that special dog will come into your life.

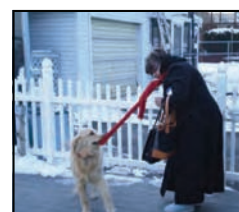


You cannot imagine how excited we were when Lisa sent an e-mailed about 5-month old Buddy (AKA Dakota) who was in need of adoption. We did not hesitate one-minute; it was love at first sight. We had originally requested a 1-3 year old, but one look at him and we were done.



What a joy he is at 9 months. He has impeccable manners. He has never had an accident in the house, he can sit, give paw, he has full run of the house, and at 65 pounds, still considers himself a lap dog. He has a sitter that comes everyday to adore & walk him. Since it was winter when we got him, at night the house becomes a playground.

Now as everyone knows Golden puppies are very resourceful & rambunctious. We have to hide our socks, scarves, gloves & pillows (he decorates the backyard with them). Hole digging is another favorite & he has a remarkable rock and stick collection.



Our little toddler loves to watch the big screen TV, especially commercials. One particular favorite is the animated characters on Next Day Floors, and he has searched & searched for the Blue Dot Guy after he climbs into the heat vent! He loves to watch airplanes & chases the squirrels, rabbits & crows in the backyard. He just experienced his first significant snowfall, and turned the backyard into a racetrack. He ran and ran around the pool. The only thing we saw was a black nose & a cloud of snow. We can't wait to take the cover off the pool & let him do one of the other things Golden's do best, swim.



We took Dakota to the Pet Expo at Timonium. It did not take him long to catch on to the fact if he sat down in front of a table, he would get a treat. We were just finishing the last of the exhibitors when he spotted several other Golden retrievers. It was the GoldHeart booth! He wiggled himself right in, and we introduced ourselves as a GoldHeart Family.

We are so grateful to GoldHeart for giving us the privilege of adopting Dakota, but most of all we are grateful to Dakota for adopting us!

Tom and Sharon Ritter

Introducing Bella & Carmella!



On December 21, 2008, we had a visit by two little ladies from GoldHeart. These ladies were Carmella (GH-530) and Bella (GH-529). They immediately felt at home in our house & went about exploring the place & especially our Golden Retriever Max (GH-124). Of course, there was a lot of sniffing going on and everyone was satisfied that it was a good first impression. We were very excited to have the girls visit & wanted them to feel at home here. Things were looking good and they liked our cookie selection!

We adopted Max in 2002 when he was just 9 months old. Marty, worked at a private school & was able to take Max to school with him. He got a lot of extra attention from the students and got very used to it. Well, as luck would have it, we moved to Pennsylvania and Marty retired. Max was so used to all of the attention shown him at the school he demanded the same from Marty at home. We decided that what Max needed was a playmate so we went online to see what GoldHeart had available for adoption. That's how we found Maggie (GH-216) and adopted our second Golden Retriever. Maggie was terrific for Max and they got along very well. Sadly, Maggie got cancer & passed away last fall. Max was more depressed than we were and it just wasn't the same around the homestead.

We talked it over and decided that we needed another Golden to cheer up Max (and us). We went to the GoldHeart web site to see what was available again. We have been so pleased with GoldHeart that figured we couldn't go wrong and that is how we found Carmella. After a round of emails and a phone call



Max, Carmella & Bella!

it was explained to us that there was a sister (Bella) and the folks at GoldHeart would really like to place the two together. We discussed the probability of three dogs in our house and decided that if the personalities were compatible we could handle two more members of the household. So the visit was set and as you can see from the pictures adopted both girls and have enjoyed them immensely.

When we moved to PA, Marty started taking the dogs to a nearby park for walks daily & the girls have gotten into the routine & can't wait to go each morning. We have three sons that are grown & gone so it is just the two of us in the house now so the dogs are very much a part of

our family & have the full run of the house. There is a large fenced in back yard that gives them plenty of play area & it has been a blast to watch them play in the snow. When the weather gets warmer they will have free access to the yard and should really enjoy it.

So, here we are, a home with three Golden Retrievers and more than enough cookies to go around. Thank you GoldHeart.

Marty & Jeanne Phillips
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About GoldHeart

History

GoldHeart was started in 1999 by a small, dedicated group of volunteers with an undying love for Golden Retrievers. The initial group of volunteers were members of the Golden Retriever Rescue Education, and Trainings (GRREAT), complementing GRREAT's efforts by concentrating GoldHeart's mission in the northern Maryland, south-central Pennsylvania and Delaware areas.

During the first five years of its existence, GoldHeart volunteers successfully placed nearly 300 Golden Retrievers in "forever homes," with this year promising to be our busiest year yet.

GoldHeart has grown to have over 200 members with an active group of 12 to 15 core volunteers who perform the bulk of the rescue efforts.

Mission

GoldHeart, Golden Retriever Rescue and its network of volunteers are dedicated to the rescue of unwanted, abused, neglected and displaced Golden Retrievers. We provide Golden Retrievers in need with a temporary safe haven in our foster homes where they receive love, food, grooming, medical treatment, and some training. During this time their temperament is evaluated to determine the best home for their personalities, and ultimately they are relocated to loving adoptive "forever" homes.

GoldHeart volunteers work to foster a public sentiment of humanity and gentleness toward Golden Retrievers and all other animals. They encourage and promote responsible pet ownership, do all within their power to reduce the pet overpopulation and will work to encourage humane treatment and care of animals through education and spay/neuter advocacy.

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