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By David Beaver

Members and Lovers of Golden Retrievers,

While we are in a better financial situation than we were three months ago, **we are still in a precarious position. Any assistance you or your employer can provide either financially or through donation of silent auction items would be greatly appreciated.** Please don't forget our 1st Annual Bull Roast; tickets can be purchased directly from our treasurer, Donna Blake or online. We have several terrific silent auction items available, along with several other games of chance planned.

Our Annual GoldHeart Members Picnic will be held, October 11, 2008 at the home of Barbara Schaefer. Thanks Barb for volunteering your

home and facilities to us this year. See page 8 for details!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Dana Cubbage as a Board Member at Large; Dana is replacing Barb Schaefer, who has taken over the Vice President's position on the Board. Thanks ladies for all you are doing and will continue to do. A special thank you to Trish Thomas for all of her hard work and dedication while she was Vice President, and for the support she continues to give. In addition, I would also like to extend a hardy THANK YOU to Thomas Galpin for his assistance in obtaining 3 puppies from a back yard breeder, and of course all our other volunteers, Sandy Miller (reference checks), Susan Penn (Home Visit Coordinator), Bob Karafin (merchandise), Julie Emerson

(calendar), Maggie Salyers (events), Jen Brechin (webmaster), and anyone else you can think of...for all the effort, time and energy devoted to our furry friends.

GoldHeart is also in desperate need of home visit volunteers in the following areas: Baltimore City, Bethesda, Silver Spring, Rockville, Gaithersburg, western Harford County, western Frederick County, Anne Arundel County (all areas), Carroll County (all areas). If interested, please contact Susan Penn at slpenn33@msn.com. Without home visits being completed in a timely fashion, we can not meet our obligation to our goldens in need!!!

David Beaver



Manny—GH482



Moe—GH483



Jack—GH484

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Please, don't let your GoldHeart membership expire. All of the Goldens, whom you support with your membership would miss you terribly! If you have already sent your renewal, "Woof Woof" (thank you). If not, please renew your membership online at www.goldheart.org, or mail your \$30 check to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771. THANK YOU!!!

"Give Your Heart to a Golden"

2009 GOLDHEART CALENDAR

2008 CALENDAR



We need photos for the 2009 GoldHeart calendar! If you have a photo of your GoldHeart fur-baby and you would like to submit it for consideration for the 2009 calendar, please email it to:

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High resolution digital photos are needed for good reproduction!

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Meet the Golden Who Started It All!



GoldHeart's First Rescue Dog

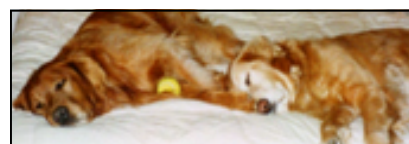
Clay, short for Claiborne, came to GoldHeart in December of 1999 at the age of 8. His family had to give him up due to their child's severe allergies. They had tried for 2 yrs. to keep Clay, but in the end could not risk their child's health and, unfortunately, could not find a family member or friend to take him. Clay's family was heartbroken to have to give him up.

Shaaron & Cy Plate, two of the founders of GoldHeart, were fostering Clay, but had plans to travel to New York for the Christmas holiday. Instead of taking Clay with them, I suggested that my husband, Tom, and I foster him since he seemed so sad & confused. I thought it would be less stressful for him. At the time, we had one other rescued Golden named Chas. Clay was a sweet, gentle boy who seemed depressed & appeared to be waiting for his family to pick him up. Whenever he was outside & saw an SUV drive by, it seemed that he thought it was his family coming to get him as he would just sit & stare long after the car was gone. It was very sad, but eventually he started to

relax & settle in. Clay & Chas got along fine, not the best of buddies, but they liked each other. They did have a few squabbles over toys in the first few weeks, but nothing serious.

After a few weeks, my husband & I decided we wanted to adopt Clay. We had been thinking of adopting another Golden & we couldn't bear to move Clay again as he seemed to finally be happy. My fondest memory of Clay was his love of tennis balls. He truly adored them & would carry two around in his mouth & would chase them as long as you would throw them. When I was gardening, Clay would always be nearby just waiting to chase a ball & would often drop them in front of me hoping that I would cooperate. He also loved swimming & long walks at nearby Loch Raven. The only thing he didn't like was the sound of the wind & he would growl whenever we had windy weather.

We loved Clay dearly & were shocked when he suddenly became ill on Memorial Day in May of 2000. The only indication we had that something was wrong was that Clay wanted to stay outside that evening & was just acting differently. We thought he had an upset stomach, but eventually coaxed him inside. Sometime in the early morning hours, Clay got sick & we rushed him to the emergency hospital, but it was too late. The vet said something very acute was going on internally & that nothing could have been done to



Chas and Clay

save Clay & our doctor agreed. It turned out that Clay had a similar incident with his former owners, but they were never able to discover what was wrong. It may have been something with his heart. We will never know, but we are happy that we were able to spend Clay's last five months with him. He was a truly great Golden & we just wish he could have been with us much longer. He would have turned 9 in June of 2000.

Tom & I wanted to do something to remember Clay, so we started the Clay Fund to help other Golden Retrievers & as a way for Clay's memory to live on. Clay had all the wonderful qualities that make Golden Retrievers so special & I know we will never forget him.

Gail Koch



Clay with GH board members on his adoption day



Gail, Chas, Tom and Clay

We would like to thank the following special folks & volunteers who have donated their time & desperately needed financial support:

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ANNOUNCING THE 1st ANNUAL GOLDHEAT BULL ROAST!



1ST ANNUAL BULL ROAST

Sunday, August 24, 2008

12:00- 5:00 P.M.

The Del Capri

302 German Hill Road

Baltimore, MD 21222

*We need items to be donated
for door prizes & the auction!!!
If you can donate anything,
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All proceeds benefit the Goldens

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Wheels!

Merchandise

* Volunteers are needed to help at the bull roast! We need help running the merchandise table & the money wheels. If you plan on attending this event & would like to help, contact the treasurer (treasurer@goldheart.org) or the vice-president (vp@goldheart.org), or mail a note with your information to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771. THANKS!!!

Raisins and Grapes Are Toxic!

Written by:

Laurinda Morris, DVM

Danville Veterinary Clinic

Danville , Ohio



This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1AM on Wednesday, but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but.... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give I V fluids at 1 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine! Over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220.. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to Euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

Onions, chocolate, cocoa and macadamia nuts can be fatal, too.

Even if you don't have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

1st Annual GoldHeart Bull Roast

August 24, 2008
12-5 pm

The Del Capri
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October 4, 2008

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Meet Apollo!



We would like to share our experience adopting not only a precious Golden from GoldHeart, but a 9 year old at that!

We have had Golden retrievers for about 10 years. Sadly, Fall of 2006 we lost one of our Golden retrievers, Shelby, to a tumor. We vowed after that loss to NEVER have a dog again. The pain of losing a pet was just too much to bear the thought of doing it again. We also have Halley, our 7 year old who also felt the loss. Months went by and we started to rethink our "vow". We knew for a fact that we were going to adopt...we then discussed adopting a dog about 3-4 years old, still young but out of that puppy stage. So, we started the process of 1st being approved through GoldHeart. While waiting for the process to be complete we browsed the available dogs...all of them just adorable. we noticed a dog named Apollo...we read his profile and

then realized he was 9 years old....too old.....so we thought, fate had other ideas.

Part of the approval process was that someone had to come to our home to do a home visit, they would bring a Golden to see how everyone interacted with the dog. There just happened to be a volunteer that lives minutes from our home that was going to bring her own Golden. She arrived, did her home inspection and we started to talk. She mentioned that she was also was a foster parent for Golden retrievers waiting for their homes. Well, again, as fate would have it...she had Apollo as her foster dog. She raved on and on about this dog & how yes, he was 9, but you would never believe it! We, as a family, discussed the possibility of adopting this 9 year old Golden. On June 2, 2007 we met Apollo for the first time and the rest is history! It was love at first sight. Our 9 year old JUMPED out of the truck, RAN around the yard, BOUNCED into our home and started his sniffing ritual.

Now, almost one year later (and Apollo is now 10), We can't imagine life without him. Yes, he has his

"quirks" as most Golden retrievers do. He goes NUTS when it's time to eat...literally jumps around while going in circles and tail is wagging a mile a minute. He is still a hopeless Momma's Boy...follows Mom EVERYWHERE. He has a great bark....very manly (perfect to scare away any possible intruders because if they got past our front door they would be faced with two Golden retrievers with wildly wagging tails). He has his special "spot" where he lays every day (see in photo) and he uses the wall as a pillow. He loves to play fetch and get the ball out of my mouth game too. We could go on and on.

So, we are so lucky that Apollo allowed us to adopt him and be part of his life. He has taught us that just because you're "old" doesn't mean you can't still have fun and act nuts. He has shown us you can't judge a Golden based on color, sex and age...as usual Golden retrievers will surprise you!

~The Marciniak Family
Kent Island, Maryland

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Beware of sugarless gum!

No Sugar Coating: Products Sweetened With Xylitol Can Be Toxic To Dogs

-Number of 2005 Xylitol-Related Cases Up More Than 150% Over Previous Year

- Sugar-free Chewing Gums, Candies, Baked Goods Among Products

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Urbana, Ill., August 21, 2006—The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center cautions animal owners that xylitol, a sweetener found in certain sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and other products can potentially cause serious and even life-threatening problems for pets.

"Last year, we managed more than 170 cases involving xylitol-containing products," says Dana Farbman, CVT and spokesperson for the Center. "This is a significant increase from 2004, when we managed about 70." Barely half-way into 2006, the Center has already managed about 114 cases. Why the increase? "It's difficult to say," Farbman states. "Xylitol products are relatively new to the United States marketplace, so one possibility may be an increase in availability." According to Dr. Eric Dunayer, veterinarian and toxicologist for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, dogs ingesting significant amounts of items sweetened with

xylitol could develop a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. "These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product. Therefore, it is crucial that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately." Dr. Dunayer also stated that there appears to be a strong link between xylitol ingestions and the development of liver failure in dogs.

While it was previously thought that only large concentrations of xylitol could result in problems, this appears to no longer be the case. "We seem to be learning new information with each subsequent case we manage," says Dr. Dunayer. "Our concern used to be mainly with products that contain xylitol as one of the first ingredients. However, we have begun to see problems developing from ingestions of products with lesser amounts of this sweetener." He also says that with smaller concentrations of xylitol, the onset of clinical signs could be delayed as much as 12 hours after ingestion. "Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that even if your pet does not develop signs right away, it does not mean that problems won't develop later on."

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center strongly urges pet owners to be especially diligent in keeping candy, gum or other foods containing xylitol out of the reach of pets. As with any potentially toxic substance, should accidental exposures occur, it is important to contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for immediate assistance.

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**About the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center**

Established in 1978, the APCC is the only 24-hour, 365-day facility of its kind staffed by 30 veterinarians, 12 of who are board-certified toxicologists/veterinary toxicologists. Located in Urbana, Ill., the specially trained staff provides assistance to pet owners, and specific diagnostic and treatment recommendations to veterinarians pertaining to toxic chemicals and dangerous plants, products or substances. In 2006, the center handled over 116,000 cases. The APCC also provides extensive veterinary toxicology consulting on a wide array of subjects, including legal cases, formulation issues, product liability, and regulatory reporting. For more information on potentially dangerous substances in the home or to reach the APCC, please call (888) 426-4435 or visit www.aspc.org/apcc

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ANNUAL PICNIC!!!



SAVE THE DATE!

GoldHeart's annual fall picnic will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2008** starting at **1:00** pm. This year, our vice-president, Barb Schaefer, has kindly offered her home in Camp Hill, PA for the location of the picnic. She has a large fenced in yard for our Golden babies to run freely in.

If you plan to attend, please R.V.S.P. the GoldHeart secretary by email at secretary@goldheart.org or by phone at [410-596-1785](tel:410-596-1785). A reminder with more details will be sent out in the fall.

If everyone could help out by bringing an appetizer/snack or side dish to share, that would be wonderful! Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, ice, plates, cups, utensils, & napkins will be provided. If you would like to bring something to share, below is a guideline to help spread out the types of dishes. Use the 1st initial of your last name:



A-H appetizer/snack

I-P side dish

Q-Z dessert



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GoldHeart Needs Your Help

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Midas (GH-479)

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Remember, if you become a GoldHeart foster home & foster a Golden, your GoldHeart membership is free!

Tribute to Nala



Nala



Nala Nathan

June, 1994 – April 8, 2008



Nala, Cobi, and Zita

Nala came to us at age 10 as a "temporary" foster while her regular foster parent went on vacation during the summer of 2004. We were not intending to have a second dog (it seemed like one was enough), but we loved her instantly and adopted her shortly after we met her. She was sweet, gentle and affectionate and a very well loved member of our family of four humans, another Gold Heart Golden (Cobi) and a cat (Ziti).

Nala had a beautiful face with kind, warm eyes that would gaze up at you as if to say thank you for being here with me. She had very large front paws – we called them "monster" paws (she was otherwise a petite girl at 58 pounds) and she let you know she wanted attention by picking up her paw and placing it in your lap. Her favorite place was out on the deck, watching the world and looking at the flowers with her family nearby. Trips to our beach house were preceded with lots of circle dances and barking until she was invited to get in to the back of the car with her Golden brother – she was a great passenger on long trips, getting up to look at the people and then hopping down out of the car to "talk" to anyone who was around. She enjoyed walks along the trees in the summer and through the snow in the winter.

She loved going out so she could "meet" people and give them kisses, and showed her enthusiasm with little hops with her front feet. Just say her name and she'd come running with tail wags and her version of hugs. She learned to play with her younger brother, Cobi, and together they did a dance of jousts, parries and circles. She was also active in Gold Heart - a calendar girl for the 2006 calendar, the winner of the oldest dog award at last year's annual picnic, and she loved going on home visits – she wanted to greet every person she met and saw it as her responsibility to show that older dogs can be active, happy and extremely affectionate. She simply loved being with people.

We will miss her and feel very lucky to have had her company and affection for almost four years. Thank you for the gift of Nala.

Katie Gruen

Dear GoldHeart,

It is with a grief greater than I can express that I share with you our beloved Katie just died. She passed peacefully here at home on her bed in the family room with me, my husband, our son, and Custard (our 14 year old golden retriever & buddy) gathered around her. Even our cat Hamish McKitty said his goodbye to her. We are devastated at her passing & miss her desperately, but we would not have missed a second for anything.



Our deepest thanks to GoldHeart for making it possible for Katie (GH-170) & us to share our lives together. Thank you to all the people who worked to rescue her, thank you especially to her foster parents Lilly & R.C. Smith, and to every member of GoldHeart who's time, efforts, & donations make possible the saving of Katie and other Golden Retrievers in need.

We adopted Katie when she was about 10 years old. I said whether it was for a day or a year we would love her and care for her completely. Boy did we love her! We were fortunate to have her in our family for five years, and she died at age 15ish.

Katie made it into Rescue through the efforts & dedication of GH members. We were told that Katie's previous family contacted GH to take Katie because they were moving. GH said they'd come get her the following morning. The family was unwilling to wait that brief time, and took her to a shelter and tied her to a door and left her there overnight.

GH knew a golden had been taken to a shelter, and called around looking for her until they found her. The process of finding her took some time, and Katie was traumatized by her days in the shelter. She made it into the loving embrace of GH and Lilly and R.C. Smith, her foster parents. The Smiths cared for Katie, then known as "Sandy GH-170", and helped comfort her. Katie had Severe Thunderstorm Anxiety, the worst I've ever seen in any animal. We used to tease her that she was our Weather Dog because she could predict bad weather better than any meteorologist!

When Katie came to meet us for the first time, we waited outside for her, & when she got out of the car I thought to myself she had a funny tail & noted, even then, she was arthritic, sway backed, & atrophied. Well that old white face is the most beautiful one I've had the pleasure of knowing, & that tail wagged happily from the get go. I was pregnant at the time I met Katie, and Katie snuffled my tummy & her tail went wild. Katie was the best Nursery Dog in the world. She seemed invested in the pregnancy herself, and from the beginning until she passed we were a Team. After my son was born she accompanied me for literally every bottle, every diaper change, & slept at my feet for every nap. When Miller was older, she let him crawl on her, pet her, tug her fur, & even hang on when learning to walk. She was our patient loving Katiegirl.

Katie came to visit and meet us, and never left. We've been together ever since.

Katie's photograph was on the GH Happy Endings Page. I'm including a copy of that page with this letter. The text posted with her photo reads:

*"An Old Dogs Promise"
by Shelly O'Brien*

*I'm much older now, not quite so spry.
My face is white with age.
My steps have slowed often marked with pain.
I falter some times, yet I try.*

*And then one day everything changed.
My people, their faces, all that I knew,
Were gone, gone away, far from view.*

*No familiar faces, no familiar scents,
Alone and old, where will I go?
I was scared right then, unsure of the world,
But then you came along and you kissed my head.*

*Your voice was soft, your touch so welcome,
Your arms around my neck, sitting right next to me,
Made me feel protected and safe right away.*

*You seemed to know when I did not feel the best,
You fed me and bathed me and told me to rest.
And when my legs were too stiff and sore,
You carried me gently to my bed by the door.
You cradled my head when I felt scared,
You whispered your courage into my ear:
"Don't be afraid, I promise you that
I will always be here"*

*And when my time comes and I'm at the bridge,
No matter the others who call my name
Who knew me once then turned me away.*

*For all the love you shared
And for all your tender care,
For making me yours in spite of the
Sorrow you knew you soon would bear ...*

It's to you I will run."

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Katie Gruen

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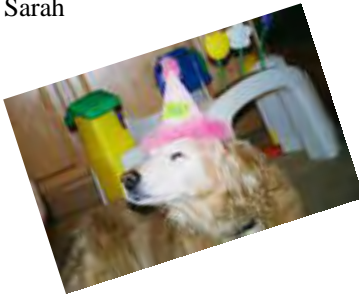
There are no words which adequately describe our deep and terrible grief. My heart aches beyond measure for my Best Friend and Companion of five years. Katie was special beyond measure, and I will always love her for then, for now, for ever. She was my "Good Girl", my "Best Friend", my every minute companion, my "Nursery Dog", my "Squinty", my "KatieGirl". Her morning dance greeting has made me so happy and I shall miss seeing that every morning and starting every day with her. I shall miss her soft fur, remarkably long ear hair, funny tail, and fluffy feet. I know that I will miss herfur body. Even more will I miss her presence. Her spirit, friendship, love, support, company, and soul will be deeply missed.



To GoldHeart I say: purely and simply "Thank you". Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for helping Katie in her time of need, for bringing us together, and for the eternal gift of this special relationship.

To Katie I say: You are so special to me. I love you and all of our time together. Thank you for your love, comfort, joy, company, companionship, steadfastness, trust, loyalty, compassion, care, fun, oh Everything! I do not say goodbye but rather may we always be together no matter what, when, or how. May you always know how much and how deeply I love you and may we always remain together. May you always know and feel my deep and unending love which remains with you. Mind, heart, body, and soul I love you - for then, for now, forever.

Your Sarah



Katie & Miller waiting for cookies
in the kitchen - 2007



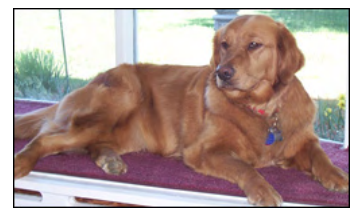
FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!



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.
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410-877-9697



Nica (GH-474)



Tweetie
(GH-485)

GOLDHEART'S EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

Dogs Saving Dogs' Lives ... Voluntarily

May 2008

Blood Drives Are Not Just For People!

Your family pet could become eligible to receive free blood or plasma should injury or illness ever warrant its use. This may not be something pet owners want to think about, but it is something that Dr. Ann Schneider of Severna Park thinks about every day. Dr. Schneider opened up the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank (EVBB) in 1993 as an alternative to veterinarians having to keep dogs caged and on hand specifically for blood donation. "There weren't enough blood banks and I knew there should be one on this side of the country," said Dr. Schneider who is a member of the Association of Veterinary Transfusion Medicine and the American Association of Blood Banks. Dogs can safely donate every three weeks, but the EVBB schedules donors every six to eight weeks. Volunteer donors and their owners meet the EVBB doctor and technician at one of many blood drives in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Anywhere from a half pint to a full pint is drawn each visit. It is then separated into red blood cells and plasma. These components are given to patients suffering from injury and/or disease.

One pint of blood can be separated into components and save up to four lives. To qualify as a donor, dogs must weigh at least 35 pounds, be between the ages of 9 months and 7 1/2 years and in generally good health. They should not be on any chronic long-term medications. (There are exceptions so please ask the EVBB staff.) Benefits of being a blood donor are:

- A brief examination is done by the veterinarian before each donation
- Blood typing
- Blood chemistry profile and Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Heartworm test
- Testing for diseases spread by ticks (Ehrlichia, Hemobartonella and Babesia)
- Brucella testing (once for neutered/spayed dogs and yearly for testing for intact dogs)
- Once a donor has met the yearly requirement, the donor is eligible to receive one unit of blood or plasma for each unit of blood donated, should illness or injury ever warrant its use.
- Dogs receive a red bandana that reads, "I Saved a Life" and a red ID tag for their collar that recognizes them as a blood donor.

Your dog could be a hero. Call the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank for questions or to make an appointment for your dog to save a life! 1-800-949-3822 www.EVBB.com

Past Events

Microchipping at the School of the Incarnation - April



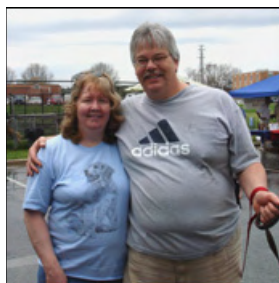
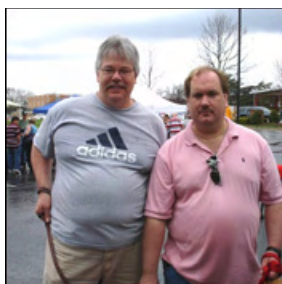
Thanks to Edie, Lisa & Molly!

Maryland SPCA March for the Animals - April



Thanks to Trish,
Donna, Patrick, Linda,
Bob, Dana, Brian &
Camden

Anne Arundel County, MD Animal Control's Adopt-A-Thon - April



Thanks to David, Jimmy, Melissa, Quinn, Ace & Sadie!

Bainbridge, PA Agility Trials - April



Thanks to Barb, Melissa & Nica!

*Hot Weather Tips...



In summertime, the living isn't always easy for our animal friends. Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do, such as overheating, dehydration and even sunburn. By taking some simple precautions, you can celebrate the season and keep your pets happy and healthy.

- A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must; add to that a test for heartworm, if your dog isn't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe, effective flea and tick control program.

- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace in no time. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.

- Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.

- The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.

- Street smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog standing on hot asphalt. His or her body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

- A day at the beach is a no-no, unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for your companion. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.

- Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors; a properly constructed dog-house serves best. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.

- Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals in hot weather. Brachycephalic or snub-

nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs, Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos and Ahih Tzus, as well as those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

- When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. And please be alert for coolant or other automotive fluid leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste, and ingesting just a small amount can be fatal. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect that your animal has been poisoned.

- Good grooming can stave off summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length—never down to the skin, please, which robs Rover of protection from the sun—helps prevent overheating. Cats should be brushed often.

- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

- Having a backyard barbecue? Always keep matches, lighter fluid, citronella candles and insect coils out of pets' reach.

- Please make sure that there are no open, unscreened windows or doors in your home through which animals can fall or jump.

- Stay alert for signs of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting and drooling and mild weakness, along with an elevated body temperature.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ADOPT AN OLDER DOG!!

1. Older dogs are **housetrained**. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping up after accidents.

2. Older dogs are not teething puppies, and **won't chew** your shoes and furniture while growing up.

3. Older dogs **can focus well** because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.

4. Older dogs **have learned what "no" means**. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.

5. Older dogs **settle in easily**, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.

6. Older dogs are **good at giving love**, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.

7. **What You See Is What You Get:** Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.



8. Older dogs are **instant companions** -- ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.

9. Older dogs **leave you time for yourself**, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.

10. Older dogs **let you get a good night's sleep** because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

To learn more about the pleasures of older dog adoption, please visit the Senior Dogs Project site at www.srdogs.com

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Flea Facts

All you wanted to know about fleas and more



With the emergence of spring flowers, budding trees and green lawns, thoughts automatically turn to those parasites that wreak havoc with our dogs. One parasite which is especially troublesome not only to the dog, but the environment in which he lives, is the flea. The "American Kennel Club Dog Care and Training" book contains some valuable information about fleas and how to get rid of them.

What are fleas?

Fleas are tiny wingless insects that feed on dogs, among other animals. Flea bites make some dogs, that are allergic to flea saliva, so miserable that they bite and scratch themselves raw. Other dogs do not seem to respond to flea bites with the same intensity. If you see evidence of fleas on your dog, it is essential to eradicate them as quickly as possible, before the population grows. Hungry fleas sometimes bite humans too, leaving small, red, itchy bumps most commonly observed on the wrists and ankles.

How can you tell if your dog has fleas?

You may actually see the dark fleas, about the size of sesame seeds, scurrying about on the skin. Their favorite spots include the base of the ears and the rump. Look closely to sparsely haired places like the groin for telltale signs. A more accurate way to diagnose fleas, however, when live ones aren't observed, is to part the fur in several places and look for tiny black specks about the size of poppy seeds. These specks are flea feces, composed of digested blood. If you're not sure whether you're looking at "flea dirt" or just plain dirt, place it on a damp piece of white tissue. After a minute or so, a small red spot or halo will become apparent if it's flea feces, since the blood re-hydrates and diffuses into the tissue.



Getting Rid of Fleas: On your dog, in your home and in your environment

On your dog

The flea comb is a handy item which helps you determine if your dog has fleas. The teeth are set very close together and snare flea evidence when the comb is drawn through the dog's coat. If you trap a flea, crush it immediately. Though wingless, fleas can jump so fast and so far that they may disappear the second you spot them.

Getting rid of fleas entails killing them on your dog as well in the environment. For this, you may need an armament of products.

There are many products on the market today that help eradicate fleas—some contain poisons and other are homeopathic in nature. Dog owners should always be aware of the fact that they need to be constantly vigilant of their animals' health and well-being when any form of medical treatment is being administered for whatever reason.

It is necessary to treat not only a dog for fleas, but also the environment in which it lives. If sprays or flea bombs are used, care should be taken to remove all food, exposed dishes, utensils, and housewares from the area being sprayed or bombed. Humans and animals should not be exposed to the chemicals and you should follow the instructions listed with the spray or bomb.

Tick Facts

All you wanted to know about ticks and more

Tick Diseases

Dogs are susceptible to the diseases that ticks carry. Even with a strict regimen of preventative products, ticks can still turn your perfect pooch into one sick puppy. Here are the big ones to watch out for.

Lyme Disease is probably the most recognizable tick-borne illness. For you ancient Romans and scientists, it is caused by the bacterium “*Borrelia burgdorferi*”, which is transmitted to humans and pets by the bite of infected deer ticks. In 2002, there were over 23,000 cases of Lyme Disease reported in humans in the US. The bearer of the disease is a member of the Ixodes family and uses a three-host life cycle. The ticks parasitize small mammals (think rodents) in their immature stages and larger mammals in their adult stage (think you and your pet). These ticks are very small; in fact, they are no bigger than a pinhead during their immature stages. Ticks feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and slowly take in blood. During feeding, “*Borrelia burgdorferi*” can be transmitted to the host.

Tick Paralysis is caused by a neurotoxin found in tick saliva. An infected pet will show signs in five to nine days after tick attachment. The typical symptoms are general loss of neuromuscular function, starting most often from the back end of the animal and then moving forward. Diagnosis of tick paralysis is usually based on clinical signs, presence of ticks, and ruling out other causes of paralysis. Luckily, the clinical typically resolve soon after tick removal.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is most commonly transmitted by the American dog tick and, though it sounds like it could be a John Denver song, it's a pretty miserable experience for your furry buddy. Symptoms appear in three to 12 days after tick contact and include sudden onset of fever, headache, and aching muscles. A rash usually develops on the wrists and ankles on the second or third day of fever. The rash then spreads to involve the rest of the body, including the palms and soles.

Canine Ehrlichiosis is caused by the microorganism *Ehrlichia canis*. The tick *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* can transmit *Ehrlichia* to dogs when feeding on their blood. Once affected, dogs may have enlarged spleen, swollen legs and pale gums. In terms of behavior, which is easier to monitor, an affected dog may become lethargic and experience weight loss.

Hepatozoon Canis is a protozoal organism that is transmitted when a dog ingests an infected *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* tick. Red flag symptoms for this disease are fever, poor body condition, stiff gait, muscle pain and eye and nasal discharge.

Canine Babesiosis is caused by the protozoan parasite, *Babesia canis* and, like other diseases, is transmitted by *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*. Clinical signs of infection include severe anemia.

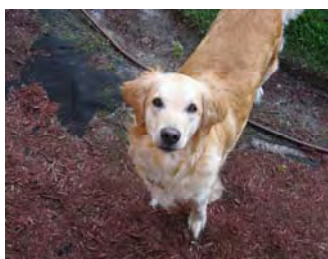
With almost any sickness in any animal, a dog that feels bad will probably act like it. Keep a keen eye on your pet's behavior. If your dog loses appetite, starts acting lethargic or has any of the specific symptoms above, take him to someone who can do something about it.

HAPPY ENDINGS!!!



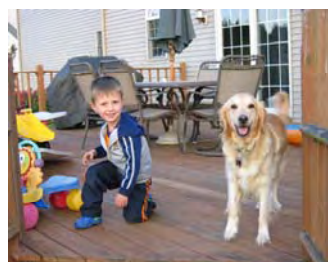
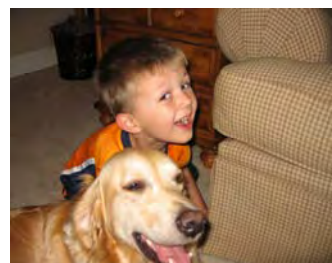
BARLEY'S HAPPY ENDING!

BARLEY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS "HARLEY", WAS ADOPTED BY THE FLYNN FAMILY ON MAY 4TH...AND WE COULDN'T BE HAPPIER! BARLEY LOVES LIVING WITH US AND HE HAS ADAPTED SO EASILY! HE EVEN LOVES HIS NEW FELINE SISTER, FIONA! TOMMY, AGE 10, LOVES TO TAKE BARLEY ON LONG WALKS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLAY BALL IN THE YARD. SARAH, AGE 7, LOVES TO WALK HIM, TOO – AS WELL AS BRUSH HIM ALL OVER, AND GIVE LOTS OF HUGS AND KISSES WHICH BARLEY LOVES! BARLEY HAS EVEN TRIMMED DOWN FROM A 104 POUNDS DOWN TO THE LOW 190's! HE'S ON A GREAT DIET AND THAT HAS CLEARED UP HIS ITCHY SKIN AND HE IS PROUD OF HIS HEALTHIER, BRIGHTER COAT! WE THINK BARLEY FEELS LIKE HE MUST HAVE 'FALLEN INTO A TUB OF BUTTER' – BUT THE TRUTH IS, OUR FAMILY HAS...WE FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT DOG! IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT HE HAS A BIRTHMARK SHAPED LIKE AN UPSIDE DOWN HEART ON HIS TONGUE...SO WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER GOLD HEART...THANK YOU FOR BRINGING BARLEY TO US! WE LOVE HIM DEARLY AND IT FEELS LIKE HE'S BEEN WITH OUR FAMILY FOREVER.



SCARLET'S HAPPY ENDING!

Hi! My name is Scarlet, or as my family calls me, Scarly girl. My family found me through GoldHeart just a few months after their golden boy, Riley, made his journey to the Rainbow Bridge. I have really won my family over with my kind, loving personality, and my perfect indoor and outdoor manners. Just the other day I heard my new mommy saying that she has no idea how she could've gotten so lucky! She called me a precious gem and a true lady in every way! I especially love my new boy, Brennan! We run and play outside in the yard everyday. I think Riley must have sent me to my new family, knowing that they would take the very best care of me. I'm so grateful for the happy ending that I know I've gotten ☺



NIKKI'S HAPPY ENDING!

Hi, my name is Nikki (formerly Tofu). My new family tells me that they love me and that I fit right in – just like I've always been a part of the family. I love snuggling with my new mom, dad, brother and sister on the couch, and going on walks with them through the neighborhood – I like to greet every person and dog that we see. I also love playing with my golden brother and I've learned to get along very well with my feline sister. My family has learned my tricks – that I give them my paw when they ask for it – and they say

that I have the biggest Golden smile that they've ever seen. My family included two pictures of me. In the first, I'm playing tag with my Golden brother. We have a routine – first he's It and I chase him, and then we reverse and he chases me – tag is a lot of fun! The other picture is of me lounging on the couch. My family says "thank you so much Gold Heart" for bringing me to them.



Poisonous Plants

Springtime holidays are often associated with bulb plants and ingestion of the bulbs causes the most severe illness. Summer holidays are associated with plants. Here are some of the more common spring and summer holiday plants and information on their toxicity.

- **Tulip** (*Tulip spp*)- Ingestion can result in intense vomiting, depression, diarrhea, hypersalivation, drooling and lack of appetite.
- **Hyacinth** (*Hyacinthus oreintalis*)- Ingestion can result in intense vomiting, diarrhea, depression and tremors.
- **Daffodil** (*Narcissus spp*)- Ingestion can result in severe gastrointestinal illness, convulsions, seizures, low blood pressure and tremors.
- **Peace lily** (*Spathiphyllum spp*)- Ingestion can result in ulcers in the mouth, vomiting and diarrhea.
- **Easter cactus** (*Schlumbergera bridgesi*)- Ingestion can result in vomiting, diarrhea and depression. Cats can also develop staggering.
- **Easter daisy** (*Townsendia sericea*)- This plant is considered non toxic.
- **Easter orchid** (*Cattleya mossiae*)- This plant is considered non toxic.
- **Easter lily cactus** (*Echinopsis multiplex*)- This plant is considered non toxic.
- **Resurrection lily** (*Kaempferia pulchra*)- This plant is considered non toxic.
- **Crown of Thorns** (*Euphorbia splendens prostrata*)- Ingestion results in vomiting and diarrhea.

Plants that are considered very toxic and can result in severe illness or even death include:

- **Azalea** (*Rhododendron spp*)- Vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, hypotension, CNS depression, cardiovascular collapse and death.
- **Crocus** (*Colchicum autumnale*)- Excessive salivation, abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, gastrointestinal disorders, lack of appetite, tremors, convulsions, seizures
- **Rhododendron** (*Rhododendron spp*)- Vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, hypotension, CNS depression, cardiovascular collapse and death.
- **Tiger Lily** (*Lilium tigrinum*)- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- **Easter Lily** (*Lilium longiflorum*)- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, and kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- **American Bittersweet** (*Celastrus scandens*)- Weakness, convulsions, gastroenteritis (vomiting, diarrhea.)
- **Clematis** (*Clematis sp.*)- Vomiting, diarrhea, oral ulcers, ataxia irritant or vesicant action.
- **Daffodil** (*Narcissus spp*)- Severe gastrointestinal disorders, convulsions, shivering, hypotension, dermatitis, muscular tremors, and cardiac arrhythmias.
- **Day lily** (*Hemerocallis dumortirei*)- Vomiting, inappetence, lethargy, kidney failure. Cats are only species known to be affected.
- **Foxglove** (*Digitalis purpurea*)- Cardiac arrhythmias, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure, death.
- **Lily of the Valley** (*Convallaria majalis*)- Ataxia, vomiting, cardiac arrhythmias, death.
- **Narcissus** (*Narcissus spp*)- Severe gastrointestinal disorders, convulsions, shivering, hypotension, dermatitis, muscular tremors, and cardiac arrhythmias.
- **Morning Glory** (*Ipomoea spp*)- Seeds may cause hallucination, may cause diarrhea.



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Volunteers Are Needed!

GoldHeart can always use more volunteers! Below are the numerous areas in which you can make a big impact just by volunteering some of your time.

Event Participation: We are participating in more & more events! Help is needed to staff our GoldHeart booth. For more information, email our volunteer/event coordinator, Maggie, at:
volunteer@goldheart.org

Transportation: We need people to occasionally transport dogs to their foster homes, vet appointments, and to events. If you are interested, drop a note to us at the GoldHeart p.o. box.

Dog Evaluations: We need volunteers to meet & evaluate Golden Retrievers before we accept them into GoldHeart. We do not accept dogs that have shown aggression towards humans or other dogs.

Home Visits: We need people to visit the homes of potential adopters to ensure a home is a suitable place for one of our Golden Retrievers to live.

Don't worry! We are here to help you learn the ropes with any of these volunteer positions! If you are interested in any of these, you can get on to the GoldHeart website at www.goldheart.org & click on the "Contact Us" link to send an email to the person who handles that area. Or, drop us a note at GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD 21771

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Thank you!!!

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