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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



By David Beaver

Members and Lovers of Golden Retrievers,

GoldHeart has had an exceptional year. Given the difficult economic situation we find ourselves in as a nation, GoldHeart was able to operate strictly on incoming donations for the year thus far and was able to actually put money back in our reserve funds. Thanks to the many volunteers and wonderful fund raising events held this year. We look forward to achieving the same in 2009. Our team of fundraisers has already been at work planning events for 2009.

GoldHeart was also successful in achieving many of the goals established at the annual meeting in January. Communication among board members and the general membership have been enhanced; the functionality of the website has vaulted us to the top of the Google search for Golden Retriever Rescues in the State of Maryland for much of the year. GoldHeart has expanded its membership and volunteer base beyond what we thought was possi-

ble, which allowed us to participate in more events than we have in the past. GoldHeart also had one of its greatest milestones; we rescued our 500th Golden Retriever, and managed to do so in a short 9 years. All of these goals and accomplishments could not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of our board members, volunteers, and members. To all on behalf of our furry friends THANK YOU for your dedication, hard work and giving of your time and energy.

GoldHeart still has quite a bit of work ahead. First and foremost on our list to accomplish in 2009 is the celebration of our 10th Anniversary (keep an eye on our website for some exciting celebrations to take place throughout the year). Secondly we are looking to evaluate our bylaws and standard operating procedures (many are outdated and legally antiquated); we are seeking volunteers to assist in this very important capacity.

While GoldHeart was successful in 2008 in obtaining and utilizing our volunteer base, GoldHeart encourages its membership to become more involved. If each member gave only 4 hours a month to help save other Golden Retrievers in need as other volunteers did in order for each and everyone of us to have our wet nosed friends, it would alleviate stress and free resources for us to expand and grow even more. GoldHeart needs our volunteers in order to succeed!

In addition, GoldHeart will be seating 4 new board members in 2009. I look forward to working with the existing and new board members, volunteers, and membership in continuing our mission to help Golden's in Need throughout our service in 2009.

Thank you,

David Beaver



Vera Bradley

Vera Bradley Bingo!!!

See page 7 for details!



ANNUAL MEETING!!!

Save the date!!!!

Saturday, January 3, 2009

See page 4 for all of the details!



Carmella
GH-530

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about 2009 board positions
open for nomination.

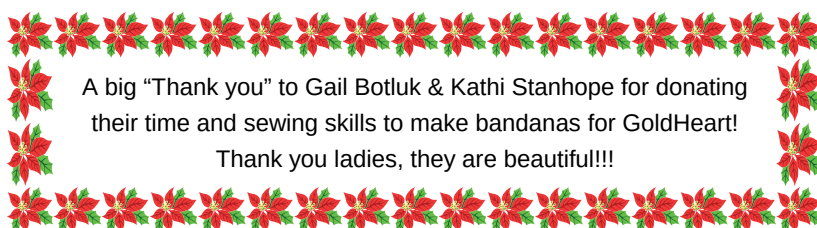
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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

Acquino, Steve & Terry	Finkle, Brenda & Scott	Maher, Leah	Salyers, Maggie
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Fink, Faye & Larry			



A special thanks to the Build-A-Bear Bear Hugs Foundation for their generous donation to GoldHeart!



A big "Thank you" to Gail Botluk & Kathi Stanhope for donating their time and sewing skills to make bandanas for GoldHeart!
Thank you ladies, they are beautiful!!!



Mandy (GH-523)



Sophie (GH-525)



Remington (GH-461)



GoldHeart would like to extend our thanks to everyone that participated in our Maryland Lottery raffle in November! Your support is so greatly appreciated by us and the Golden sweethearts that we rescue!

GOLDHEART'S EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Requests for reimbursement for allowable expenses must be submitted to the Treasurer within 90 days from the date the expense was incurred (the date on your receipt).



ANNUAL MEETING!!!

GoldHeart's annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 3, 2009** starting at **12:00 noon**.

The meeting will be held at:

Quail Run Assisted Living
9900 Walther Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21234

The following board positions will be up for election. If you have anyone you wish to nominate for one of these positions, please email the secretary at secretary@goldheart.org, or mail your nomination to GoldHeart, P.O. Box 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771.

Vice-President (2 yr. term)

Treasurer (2 yr. term)

Board Member at Large—#1 (2 yr. term)

Board Member at Large—#2 (2 yr. term)

Board Member at Large—#3 (1 yr. term)

If everyone could help out by bringing a dish to share, that would be wonderful! Drinks, ice, plates, cups, utensils, and 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 first initial of your last name:



A-H main dish

I-P side dish

Q-Z dessert



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. If you need directions please email or call the secretary.

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Dogs Letters to God

Dear God,

How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God,

When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God,

Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God,

If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God,

Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God,

If we come back as humans, is that good, or bad?

Dear God,

More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God,

When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God,

We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God,

Are there dogs on other planets or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street!

Dear God,

Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God,

Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets thing, again?

Dear God,

May I have my testicles back?

Remembering Luke

Luke arrived at our home on July 7th, 2006 via Edie Galpin. He was a 73 lb boy who loved to go for long walks, play tug-of-war and could always win showing how strong he was. His manners were exceptional. A most patient Golden who loved people and was always ready to “shake hands” with anyone who happened to stop and admire him! He was a great traveler in the car on our trips to the shore, loved to ride in the boat, turn upside down on his back and enjoy the sun! We celebrated his 10th birthday on October 18, 2008.



His company filled our life with smiles and laughter for which we were very grateful.

Suddenly on the morning of November 16 he passed away in our arms before we could get him to a vet. According to the vet, it may have been an aneurism—a peaceful death without pain. Luke was so special and we miss him everyday.

Jack and Carol Kuhn

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER!

Looking for something small to put in a Christmas stocking this year? How about a magnetic Golden Retriever bookmark!! There is a small magnet inside of these bookmarks that hold them in place in your book. Two different images available! They are only \$1.99 a piece—or 3 for \$5.00.

To order bookmarks, please email the secretary at secretary@goldheart.org or send a written request to GoldHeart, P.O. 206, Mount Airy, MD, 21771. Please indicate which image you want, along with an email address or phone number where you can be contacted. Thank you for your support!

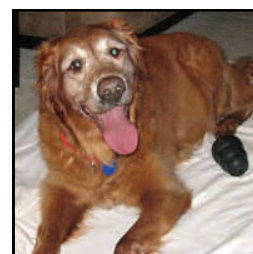
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Standing Golden



Head Profile



Reggie -GH513



Bella -GH529

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

We will need volunteers to help work these upcoming events:

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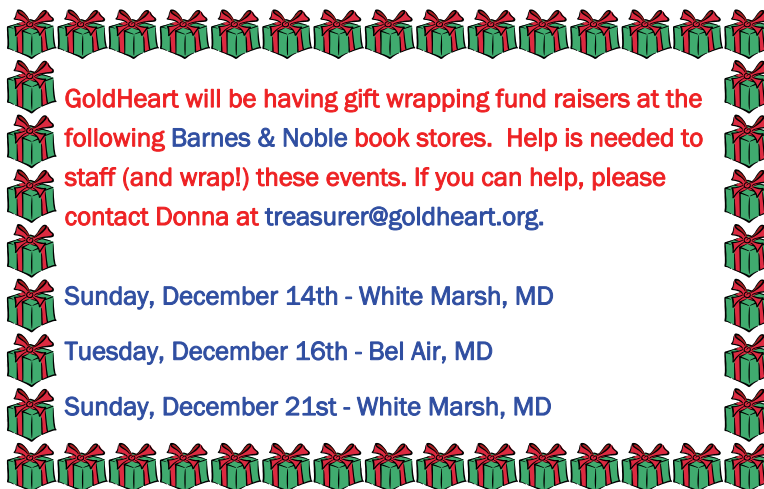
January 23-25, 2009
Maryland State Fairgrounds
Timonium, Maryland
www.worldofpets.org

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Melissa at secretary@goldheart.org

**Vera Bradley Bingo!**

Sunday, February 22, 2009
2:00 pm
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Hall
1200 Churchville Road (Rt. 22)
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Trish Thomas at trisht0708@verizon.net
See website for more details...



GoldHeart will be having gift wrapping fund raisers at the following Barnes & Noble book stores. Help is needed to staff (and wrap!) these events. If you can help, please contact Donna at treasurer@goldheart.org.

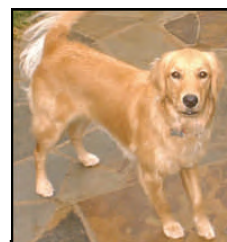
Sunday, December 14th - White Marsh, MD

Tuesday, December 16th - Bel Air, MD

Sunday, December 21st - White Marsh, MD

PawsAbilities 2009

March 14-15, 2009
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
www.keystonehumanservices.org/ssd/pa/pa.php
If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email Melissa at secretary@goldheart.org



Liz

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".

Anneliese Johnson	Edie & Jim Galpin	Connie & Dave Fisher	Carol Dickerson
Howard & Carol Paugh	Carol Ruell	Julie Emerson	Linda & Merv Mawhinney
Selma Lemon	Donna & Luke Blake	Barb & Bill Schaefer	Jan & Marty White
Colleen & Wade Barber	Diane & Kevin O'Connor	Lisa Hecker	Jessica & Timothy Pope
Louise & Jan Green	Linda Daniel	Betty Lou & Beverly Chiffons	Linda Dolan
Rhonda Kershner	Tom & Mary Ann Long	Sandi & Jim Miller	Linda & Bob Heil
Meagan Fleischer	Dawn Francis	Lucy & Blix Winston	Dana & Brian Cabbage
Lynn Ishman	Larry & Faye Fink	Trish & Chuck Thomas	



A Puppy for Christmas? Hold Off on that Hound!

A cute, cuddly puppy is tops on many Christmas lists this year. Tempting though it may be to grant your children's holiday wish, the holidays are not the ideal time for new puppy ownership.



"The first few months of a puppy's life are extremely important—he will require your full, undivided attention and will need training, exercise, socialization, trips to the vet and lots of love and care," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's difficult to set aside the time a puppy needs during this important life stage."

Though nothing tugs harder at heartstrings than a cute, cuddly puppy, every adorable bundle of fur is a lifetime responsibility. **Dogs can live up to 20 years** (depending on the breed) and it's crucial that you know the recipient can care for the pet. This means providing plenty of exercise, training, veterinary care and - most importantly - lots of love and attention.

"Surprise your kids by gift-wrapping pet supplies such as a leash, food bowl, training book or a dog-related toy to symbolize the new family member you will add after the holiday," added Peterson. "Teach kids about responsible dog ownership as they prepare for the real thing. During any lulls in holiday celebrations, take time to research the breed that best suits your family's lifestyle, talk to your children about what doggie tasks they will own, and begin your search for a responsible breeder that produces happy, healthy puppies."

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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



ASPCA® Offers Tips For A Happy Holiday Season

Nation's First Humane Organization Knows How to Keep Pets Safe During Holidays

NEW YORK, November 6, 2008- There's nothing better than gathering with friends and family for the holidays; eating, drinking, and putting up festive decorations. While enjoying this time of year, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) wants pet parents to be aware of potential hazards that certain goodies and décor can pose to our furry friends.

"Many of our winter habits and holiday traditions could pose a potential threat to our companion animals," says Dr. Steven Hansen, a board-certified veterinary toxicologist and senior vice president of the ASPCA's Animal Health Services, which includes the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Ill. "As you begin to prepare for a festive season, remember to be wary of activities that can be potentially dangerous to pets."

To keep pets happy and healthy during the holiday season, the ASPCA offers pet owners the following helpful hints:

- **Avoid a sour stomach.** 'Tis the season for overeating, but remember to keep your pets on a normal diet. Any change of diet, even for one meal, can give your dog or cat severe indigestion and diarrhea. "Please don't give pets holiday leftovers, and do keep them out of the garbage," advises Dr. Louise Murray, director of medicine at the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York City. Poultry bones can splinter and cause blockages, while greasy, spicy and fatty foods can cause stomach upset.
- **Use caution with cocktails.** If your plans include adult holiday beverages, be sure to place unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot reach them. If ingested, the animal could become very sick and weak and may go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- **Skip the sweets.** Several popular holiday treats are toxic to pets. Candies containing the sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression, lack of coordination, seizures and even liver failure in certain cases. "Chocolate, especially baker's and dark chocolate, can also be potentially poisonous to animals, especially dogs," advises Dr. Hansen. Symptoms of significant chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity and increased thirst and urination, as well as abnormal heart rate/rhythm and even seizures. Cats also love to play with candy wrappers, but ingesting aluminum foil or cellophane can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage.
- **Floral arrangements should be given forethought.** Be careful with holiday floral arrangements and Christmas tree decorations. Lilies are commonly used this time of year and all varieties, including Tiger, Asian, Japanese Show, Stargazer and Casa Blanca can cause kidney failure in cats. In addition, common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe and holly berries can be potentially toxic to pets. Should a cat or dog eat mistletoe, they could possibly suffer gastrointestinal upset and in rare cases, cardiovascular problems. Holly can cause vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy if ingested.
- **Cover the Christmas tree water.** Christmas tree water may contain fertilizers which if ingested can cause stomach upset. Stagnant tree water can also act as a breeding ground for bacteria, and if ingested a pet could end up with abdominal discomfort, vomiting and diarrhea.
- **Decorations can be dangerous.** Consider decorating your tree with ornaments that are relatively less enticing to pets, such as dried non-toxic flowers, wood, fabric or pinecones. Traditional decorations such as ribbons or tinsel, if ingested, can become lodged in the intestines and cause intestinal obstruction. This is a very common problem, particularly with cats. Also take care to prevent your pets from having access to glass ornaments, wires and cords from holiday decorations. If chewed, such ornaments can damage your pet's mouth from shards of glass or plastic, while a wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock.
- **Careful with the candles.** Ensure any candle decorations are kept well out of your pets' reach. Animals can easily knock over holiday candles and start a fire, and curious kittens are particularly at risk of getting burned by candle flames.

If your dog or cat accidentally ingests any potentially harmful products and you need emergency advice, please consult your veterinarian or the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 (a fee applies) or www.asPCA.org/apcc. For more information on having a fun, safe holiday with your pets, please visit www.asPCA.org.

Number 500!!!

Hi,

My name is Shelby and I want to thank the nice people at GoldHeart who found my new mommy (Pam), sister (Bo), four legged brother (Hunter) and sister (Fuzz Ball) for me. I was pretty timid in the beginning. When Mommy would come home from work, Hunter would stand at the door and bark and I would run upstairs and hide until Mommy would call my name. Now I'm right there next to him and I even try a little bark... I have even started playing tug-of-war with Hunter (but he cheats) and a day doesn't go by without giving chase to Fuzz Ball. I love our daily walks and Mommy tells me every day how special I am and how lucky she is to have me..... Love, Shelby



Shelby
GH-500



2008 Annual Picnic Photos



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Thank you Barb & Bill for hosting the picnic!

What a Dog!!!

Where do I begin to tell you how happy Michelle and I are with our new addition? Maggie is just the sweetest, most gentle animal we have ever known. Both of us have had dogs before, and we loved them all very much. Maggie however, is special in so many ways. We consider ourselves so lucky to have her. Our thanks go out to Barb and Bill Schafer for being so very good to her. When we first met Maggie, she had just given birth to 11 pups. She looked so tired, and so overwhelmed by it all. Barb and Bill, along with so many other wonderful people, nursed this precious dog back to health, got her stronger, and were able to bring the "puppy" out in her, as it surely had been discouraged before she came to Gold-Heart.



Moreover, thanks to B&B, we were allowed to help with Maggie's pups, to get closer to her each day we came to help feed them. It was an experience we treasure to this day. Thank you for letting us be a part of all that.

We both know that many people were interested in adopting Maggie, and I'm sure they were a bit disappointed when she was given to us. However, we can assure you all that she is loved more than you could know. She is, as Barb called her, a "Velcro Dog", and is at our sides every moment. Whether she's under the table, riding in the car, sitting under our desks as we work on the computer, or sitting in our laps on the back porch...she is truly a blessing to us both.

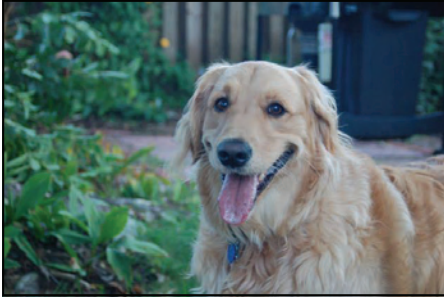
She has already been nicknamed "The Red Rocket" by our neighbors, and has regular play dates with their chocolate Lab "Kona". Her exploits outside are too numerous to mention, with the exception of she'd much rather play with a stick than a ball, and has taken to really flying around the property as fast as she can! We had an Invisible Fence put in, and she learned her yard in about an hour. She is so smart, I can honestly say that one day, as I was training her with the fence, she actually shook her head side to side at one point, as if to say...."Are you nuts? I'm not walking into that." What a character!

Michelle and I are so grateful to Barb and Bill, and to all the wonderful people from the GoldHeart family. Thank you for letting us be a part of your wonderful organization. Most of all.....thank you for our "Maggie".

Mark Preston & Michelle Murlin



Meet Baxter !!!



Baxter here... but I answer to Baxman, Baxter-buddy, even Baxterini (cuz my Mom calls me that sometimes), and of course if you have a treat in hand, I'll answer to just about anything. I have to say, I have it pretty good in my new digs – nice yard, water views, private beach, aromatic neighborhood – to coin an over-used saying, "Life is Good!". Humans love to make up corny sayings...

Okay, so you're probably wondering how a dog like me ended up becoming Mr. December? To be honest, I was lobbying for Mr. July - did I mention I was born in July? But hey, no offense, I never want to seem ungrateful, so I'll take December... and thank you.

You know, life changed drastically for me about six months ago. Before I came to live with my new parents, I was neglected. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't abused, but rather left to entertain myself. It's a good thing I'm easily amused. Anyway, I had had about all of that I could take, so when the opportunity came, I jumped at the chance to get out of there. Then I got adopted and things began to look up.

Now I'm living phat... that's phat, not fat. In fact, when I came to my new home I was casting quite a shadow, if you know what I mean. Now I get plenty of exercise and eat right, and it wasn't long before I was back to my normal weight. But, I digress...



So where was I, oh yeah, how I became a calendar pin-up... let me give some of the wannabe's a few tips on how they might make the calendar next year. It's simple, humans like to think they're in charge, so let them think that by listening to what they say, even though we all know us dogs have them wrapped around our paws. Learn a few commands like sit, stay, fetch, down and come. A trick or two can go a long way, too – I've got the "high-five" down pat. But most of all, don't chew on anything the humans treasure, like fav shoes or furniture. And, smile. Us Golden retrievers have a natural smile, so use it! That's about it, pretty simple stuff, really. So keep up the good work and maybe next year your mug will grace the kitchen wall one whole month of the year. But watch out Mr. July, I've got my eye on you!



2008 Annual Picnic Photos





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PLEASE DELIVER TO:

" G I V E Y O U R H E A R T T O A G O L D E N "

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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