



# GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Well, summer has come and gone and fall is upon us. All too soon the winter weather will be here and the holidays will be rolling in.

We have a lot of fundraisers coming up so check the website for anything you may be interested in helping out with. We will have the photos with Santa again this year in Maryland. That is a great fundraiser for us and the pups sure seem to enjoy meeting Santa Paws (I mean Claus). Check the website for that information.

The 2014 Calendars are done and ready to go. Thank you so much Marie Martinez for taking on that job and getting it done in record time. As you know in the past Faye Finks' daughter Ashley did the calendar but she made the excuse this year she "had a wedding to plan" LOL. Alright, I guess that was kind of important. Thank you again Ashley for helping us out in the past. We so appreciate everyone's hard work. You can do Pay Pal for the calendars.

The annual members meeting will be held on Jan 11, 2014. Time is 12 PM. Quail Run Assisted Living 9900 Walther Blvd. Balt. Md.

We will have lunch, please bring a covered dish and join us for lunch and the election of the board members.

I am running again for the President position and hope I can count on your support. This rescue means the world to me and I intend to help keep it running smoothly and making money to bring these needy golden retrievers in, and get them the care they need and a new forever family.

Janie Heishman is running again for secretary as well as LaDonna Puryear running for application coordinator and board member at large. They also would like your support. So please come and join us at the members meeting for a great lunch and some social time and cast your vote.

You can also take the opportunity to pay your membership dues. Don't forget, when you make a donation to GoldHeart we also put that towards your membership, so if you're not sure if your dues are done, please ask the secretary.

Foster homes do not pay yearly dues. Why, you might ask? Lots of reasons. Foster homes spend a lot of money on gas to get their fosters to the vets, they buy them food, some of the foster families are even kind enough to pay some of the foster dogs vet bills and not ask for reimbursement. Anything you do for your foster dog is tax deductible.

Lots of folks this year have sent some great pictures of their adopted dogs, we absolutely love getting photos and little stories about the trouble they get into or the cute things they do. Please keep those photos and stories coming.

As usual, it's the same old story, we always need foster homes. Fostering is such a rewarding experience so hopefully this coming year some of you may try it or know someone who is willing to

Sometime after the new year begins we will be sending out an e-mail to the members asking them to update their information. Information that is important to the rescue like how you could volunteer some time. Can you transport a dog, can you meet the transport that comes up from down south and help get the dog to the foster home. How far can you go? Can you do home visits? Maryland has a hard time getting folks to do home visits and most of the applications come from the Maryland area. The Maryland crew really needs a helping hand.

Well enough of the chit chat. Lets all hope that the winter is mild and we all get through the holidays.

Thank you all again for everything that you do for GoldHeart and they needy four legged fur babies.

Barb Schaefer  
President  
GoldHeart

## UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Pet Festival

Frederick Fairgrounds

10:00AM to 5:00PM – Great opportunity to get those holiday gifts for your furry AND human friends.

Live demos, education seminars and activities for everyone

Cost: \$5 - \$10 Dollars

January 11, 2014 – Annual Members Meeting

Time: 12 Noon

Quail Run Assisted Living

9900 Walther Blvd.

Baltimore, MD

January 24, 25, 26 - The Pet Expo

Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace

Timonium, MD

(More Details To Follow on the GoldHeart Website)

## WE NEED FOSTER FAMILIES & FOSTER HOMES!!!

# The World Famous Annual Picnic

**BURGERS**

**CHICKEN**



**WADING POOL**

**HOTDOGS**



**FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!**



The picnic was hosted at the home of the GoldHeart President Barb Schaefer and her husband Bill. Although not as big a turnout as in the past, all the pups, moms and dads had a great time. We actually had to put the wading pool away because so many pups were in it and it was a cold day and there were getting their counter parts all wet....bummer.

The menu was hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken (no, not the chicken that was on the fence 2 years ago driving all the pups crazy) and lots of great covered dishes that everyone so kindly provided.

A lot of new faces this year. It was great to see everyone and catch up on a year's worth of news. Thank you to everyone that helped make the day a success.



**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! LOCATION - TBA**

# 2014 Calendar Available NOW!

## Order Yours Today!



1 = \$15

2 = \$25

3 or more = \$12.50 each

Prices include shipping!

To order, please visit the website or contact President, Barb Schaefer - [president@goldheart.org](mailto:president@goldheart.org)  
 These calendars make wonderful Holiday Gifts. All proceeds go to supporting our beloved Golden!

## A Happy Ending – “Spencer”



Just wanted to touch base with Gold Heart as we adopted our Spencer several years ago. The first couple of months, Spencer struggled to get along with our golden Monty, and our 6LB cat, Goldie. With the help of a friend, we were able to address all those things that Spencer had to learn to survive when he was left in a mall parking lot and the pound.

Spencer, Monty and Goldie have become a “pack”! My kids and I are always greeted with love when we come home. Spencer has learned to swim but usually sits on the bank with me watching Monty troll for sticks. We just had our first visit to the beach and I was so surprised that Spencer was right in the salt water. At night, I have the ‘pack’ under my feet and often one will get up and make sure I am ok.

I just wanted to thank you all for saving Spencer so we could have the chance to take him into our home.....Kim

## An Adoptable Story – “Stuart”

Stuart, a neutered 7 month old, 61 pound, English Cream Golden boy is the most lovable guy you'll ever meet! He came to his host family with very little human interaction. In the 4 weeks he has been with us, his true personality has shined. Stu loves playing with our three other Golden's. He has learned to share his toys, play tug a war, and play fetch. His most impressive achievement is retrieving the morning paper from our driveway!

Be aware, Stuart is still a puppy, so he has many puppy traits inside him. He likes to chew his toys, but will also sneak a forbidden object if not watched. In the yard, he loves playing with his new brother and sisters, but will stray off and dig and chew bushes, if given the chance.

Stuart is a Velcro pup! He loves to follow you around the house and also enjoys time on the couch snuggling next to you!

He has adapted well to his crate. He has full run of the house when we are home, but he has no problem going to his crate when we leave. He enjoys taking naps in the crate, but has recently started staying in our bedroom with the rest of the gang at bedtime. He enjoys sleeping on our bed, on his dog nest and on top of his crate!. He alerts us when he needs to go outside. He has had a few bathroom related accidents in his time with us, but none in the past few weeks. He was very timid in meeting new people the first few days. He has since outgrown this and is very outgoing and loving to all he greets.

Stu is a big guy and should continue to grow for several more months. He has not shown any aggression as we are able to take toys and food away from him without incident. Although he has not been around many children, we believe he would love to be hugged and around any child. Small children may not be a perfect fit due his strength and ability to destroy any and all toys left out.

Because of Stuarts high energy and need to be around others, he would be best with another dog or better yet a family with kids and another dog. Stuart would love to find his forever home for the Christmas Holidays. If you are an approved Goldheart Adopter and are interested in meeting Stuart, please contact Jen Madden at [nyoil@concast.net](mailto:nyoil@concast.net)



## We Need Your Help!!!

Contact [www.goldheart.org](http://www.goldheart.org) for information

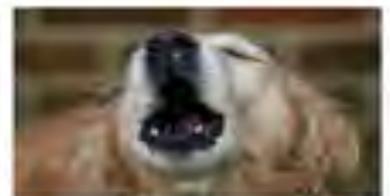
ATTENTION ALL GOLDHEART ELVES!

We are currently looking for some volunteers to help us with our Holiday Gift Wrapping fundraiser at Barnes and Noble in December! This is always a fun event, and we are looking to fill 4 shifts this year. We need at least 2 volunteers at all times for the table to ensure we are invited back next year. If you have extra bows, ribbon, name tags, you would like to donate please bring them along, we have found this increases donations at the table. (paper, tape, scissors etc. are supplied by the store, but helps to have an extra pair of scissors just in case!)

We are looking for help during the following dates/times. If you are able to help out (even for part of a "shift") please email [Looks4Path@aol.com](mailto:Looks4Path@aol.com) and let us know your availability. Thank you in advance for your help during this busy holiday season!



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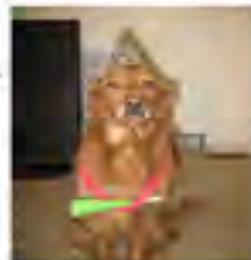
**SOMETIMES WE COME IN PAIRS**



**WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP YOU CLEAN**



**WE CAN BE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY**



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

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# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



I stood by your bed last night. I came to have a peep.  
 I could see that you were crying, you found it hard to sleep.  
 I whined to you softly, as you brushed away a tear. "It's me, I haven't  
 left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here".

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea.  
 You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.  
 I was with you at the shops today, your arms were getting sore.  
 I want to take your parcels, I wished I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today, you tend it with such care. I want to  
 reassure you that I'm not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house as you fumbled for the key,  
 I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "It's me".  
 You looked so very tired and then you sank into a chair, I tried so hard  
 to let you know that I was standing there.

It's possible for me to be so near you everyday, To say to you with  
 certainty "I never went away".

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew,  
 that in the stillness of that evening I was very close to you.  
 The day is over.... I smile and watch you yawning and say, "Good  
 Night, Sweet Dreams, God Bless,  
 I'll see you in the morning".

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide, I'll rush to  
 greet you and we'll stand together side by side.

I have so many things to show you, there's much for you to see.  
 Be patient, live your journey out; then come home and be with me.



Our precious little girl Abby is now waiting for us at the Rainbow Bridge. She is reunited with Kayla and Luke, and she has finally met Mitzi, whose passing brought us to GoldHeart. She had thyroid cancer that had invaded her larynx and was spreading to the blood vessels. It would have soon invaded her lungs. She is peaceful now, breathing easy and swimming whenever she wants. She was responsible for us meeting so many good friends at GoldHeart, and for that we will always be grateful.

Abby GH 317

Lukey-Man, you gave us a lifetime's worth of love and joy in the 2+ years that we were privileged to share our home with you. We will always remember your sweet nature, your curly locks, and especially your "Butt-Scratch Dance", which gave us so many smiles and giggles. You were the most gentle of giants, and we will carry you in our hearts forever. Have a safe passage to the "Rainbow Bridge", and know that we will be looking for you when we, too, arrive at its entrance.

Luke GH 583



# CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



ARCHIE GH#611 Sept ? 2009 to Sept.9, 2013

Where to begin our journey with Archie? Archie came to Bill and I on Black Friday in Nov 2009. He was just a little ball of fuzz with an attitude. He was at the shelter with his brother Ace who was later named Calvin. We put them in different foster homes because of a medical issue with Archie. Unfortunately the 2 brothers never met up again.

Archie lived with Bill, myself, foster brother and sister Ben and Sadie and the 2 cats Lilly and Mickey.

While at the shelter he was diagnosed with a Grade 6 heart murmur at which time they said that if it did not self correct by the time he was 16 weeks it would require a surgery costing about \$3000. The SPCA was not able to spend that kind of money on a mixed golden and rescue was Archie's only hope. GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue to the rescue. We did a fundraiser of selling Christmas Trees and raised the necessary funds to have his surgery. On Dec. 24, 2009 we loaded Archie in the car and took him to Matthew Ryan School of Veterinary Medicine in Phila. Pa. where we received the bad news that Archie had another heart issue. He had a double chambered ventricle and this is what was causing the heart murmur. Unfortunately this issue could not be corrected with surgery. We were told to take him home and let him live his life. So

we brought him home and lived his life he did. In May of 2010 GoldHeart decided to make Archie a Long Term Foster, which meant he could live out his days with Bill and I.

Archie lived every day to the fullest. He ran every bit of the 2 acres that he lived on, barked and ran the fence line giving everyone hell that had "the nerve" to go by "his yard" When he was little Ben and Sadie really did not like him but he seemed to make up his mind that they were going to like him or else. After a few months they were all good buddies and they would lay down and let him take his front teeth and go up and down their body like he was cleaning off an ear of corn and when they had enough they would just take their big paws and knock him away. Well, for Archie that meant "game on". He played with all the other dogs at the house that mom did dog sitting for also. He had quite a few buddies but no one like Ben and Sadie. After we lost Ben last year Archie and Sadie became inseperable.

Each visit to the Matthew Ryan School brought the same news every year. Archie was actually doing well and the heart disease had only progressed slightly. They told us what signs to look for so we would know when it was time to start him on meds and reminded us that this was something that could end abruptly and abruptly it did. The morning Archie died he died doing exactly what he loved to do, running and giving someone hell that was going past "his yard"

Bill and I have had over 100 foster dogs for GoldHeart and there were quite a few that could easily have stayed with us but the right homes came up for them all. All but Archie, I knew that we were the best home for him and was grateful when GoldHeart made him a LTF. Never has a foster been so special and stolen our hearts the way this energetic young boy did. He kept this house in quite an uproar and it is very hard to get used to the quiet. Sadie is a lost girl right now without her pal.

I miss you so much Archie. Play hard at the Rainbow Bridge with Ben, until we meet again little boy. We love you.

RIP Archie 9/9/2013



In August, we said goodbye to a dear old friend. "Belle" joined our family in May 1998 at the age of 11 months. She came with not much more than her "Teddy". Over the next several years, Belle joined us on many journeys...from trips to see family, to the local "Rita's" for an ice cream treat. She loved her "car rides" almost as much as her ice cream! In 2003, we came to the conclusion that there must be another "Belle" out there because she was such a treat. That's when we found GoldHeart and "Brady" who became her little brother! He quickly learned not to mess with her "Teddy", whom she still carried.

Belle soldiered on through the years, surviving cancer, a torn ACL, lifetime allergies...but never lost her sweetness. She paved the way for us to rescue and foster more Golden Retrievers through GoldHeart, and in fact really led us to a wonderful group of people in GoldHeart.

In the summer of 2013, we saw our girl fading. Her legs could no longer carry her indomitable spirit, nor could she be free of pain any longer. We helped her cross to The Rainbow Bridge one sunny afternoon in early August, at home and surrounded by those who loved her...including Brady, who became her best friend. And to her final moments, she continued to care for and love her Teddy...as well as the rest of us. We miss her, but she'll never be gone as long as we carry her in our hearts and minds and speak of her affectionately. Her legacy of creating a "golden home" continues with us in Dillsburg.

## FRIENDS OF GOLDHEART

### Shopping - Pets

You Lucky Dog  
1213 Liberty Rd, Suite E  
(Behind Bob Evans)  
Eldersburg, MD 21784  
410-795-1033

Big Fish Entertainment  
717-979-7278

[www.bigfishkaraoke.com](http://www.bigfishkaraoke.com)



### Services

ScooperHero  
3114 Royston Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21214  
410-319-6630 or 1-877-319-6630  
[contact@scooperhero.com](mailto:contact@scooperhero.com)

### Grooming

[www.canaltownelabs.com](http://www.canaltownelabs.com)  
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Dirty Dog Makeover  
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### Boarding and Facilities

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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Mechanicsburg, PA

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All of us at GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving. And don't forget to share a bit of turkey and stuffing with your 4 legged family members. They like to celebrate too!