



GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Spring 2014 - We're glad you're back. It sure has been a long, hard winter.

I am going to repeat myself in this newsletter because of an issue that happened 2 times within a 1 week period. Last week, GoldHeart received information about two goldens (8 & 9 years) sitting in the shelter because the owner became ill and no family member wanted these 2 golden oldies. Also, a 15 year old golden mix taken to the shelter in West Virginia because her owners passed away and no family member wanted her. Can you imagine how confused these poor girls were when they went from a nice comfy home life to life in a shelter? That's no way for any golden to live, but especially a senior to end up with probably no hope of being adopted. They are now proud members of the GoldHeart family.

As you all know, any golden that you adopt from GoldHeart must be returned to us if for any reason you cannot keep that golden. No questions asked.

Please remind any family and friends that have pets of any kind to make arrangements for their care in case something happens to them. Don't just assume that family will take your pets. If your family doesn't have pets, it's probably because they don't want pets, are allergic to them, or just don't have the time and money for a pet. I cannot stress enough the importance of having plans set up for your pets. Talk with family and have something in writing about what to do with your pets. If no one can take your pet, leave instructions for them to call a rescue....NOT the Humane Society.

Thank you to all the families who have adopted from GoldHeart and are taking care of our family members.

We have quite a few events coming up and hope to see a lot of you at them. Some are in Maryland, some are in PA. Please come to the booth and join us. You can go on the website where the events are listed for times and dates. The annual Crab Feast will be August 2nd. This is always a great fundraiser for us. Donna Blake (GoldHeart Treasurer) puts this all together and makes sure that we all have a great time. Check the website for more details. Donna also needs volunteers for this event.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for always supporting GoldHeart with your donations and volunteering at many of the events.

Barb Schaefer - President - GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

MAY 3RD - Canine Meadows Dog Park - John Rudy Park - York, PA - 10AM - 4PM

May 10th - Frederick Celtic Festival - 1003 Twin Arch Rd - Mt. Airy, MD - 9AM - 5PM

May 17th - York Reptile & Pet Expo - 334 Carlisle Ave - York, PA - 9AM - 4PM

June 14th - Carroll County Pet Expo - 706 Agriculture Center - Shipley Arena Westminster, MD - 9AM - 3PM

June 14th - Petapalooza - 900 South Arlington Ave - Harrisburg, PA - 11AM - 3PM

August 2nd - Crabfeast Fundraiser - 4301 Klosterman Ave - Nottingham, MD - 7PM - 11PM

September 13th - Dogs Days In The Park - Marge Goodfellow Park - New Freedom, PA - 10AM - 4PM

September 28th - Woofstock - Riverfront Park - Harrisburg, PA - 11AM - 5PM

October 25th - Barcstoberfest - Patterson Park - Baltimore, MD - 11AM - 4PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OF THESE EVENTS!

**CONTACT GOLDHEART.ORG FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO
VOLUNTEER.....THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP. WE
TRULY APPRECIATE IT.**



HEY YOU!!
DOGS LIKE US NEED



A PLACE TO STAY FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS



**WE COME IN
 ALL SIZES**



**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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WE NEED FOSTER HOMES

A HAPPY STORY...



In October of last year, we lost our beloved golden retriever, B.J., to cancer. He has been with us for twelve years. We have another dog named Libby, who was B.J.'s companion for many years. Libby was probably sadder than we were and she became very depressed and quite sick. We thought we were going to lose her, too. We decided to put in an adoption application with GoldHeart with the hope of finding a great dog to join our family. In February an email was sent out about fostering a golden named Gracie. Lucky for us, we were the first to respond to that email, so we became Gracie's foster "parents". From the day she came to our home, we knew we wanted to adopt her. Libby loved her, too. Gracie has put new life into her and helped her be more active and happy. Our 6 grandchildren love Gracie. She is so great with them. My husband and I feel like Gracie was meant to come to us. It truly is a happy ending for all of us. This picture shows Gracie beside her new friend, Libby. Gracie is on the left.

Cindee and Bobby Sadtler



**OH NO...
ANOTHER FAILED
FOSTER
WITH A HAPPY
ENDING!**



Buster, GH#780 came to GoldHeart and us as his foster family in June 2012 from a shelter in West Virginia. He was being treated for a severe ear infection and an earflap hematoma that had been surgically repaired. He came from a very abusive home where he was tied up outside and tormented by neighborhood kids. Animal control was called to take him and they had to cut off his collar, as it was too tight to remove. As you would expect, Buster came with significant trust issues and showed some aggressive tendencies such as snarling, snapping and baring his teeth. It took weeks for Buster to come to trust us and even allow us to bathe him. His ear infections continued and his earflap hematoma came back. He needed additional earflap surgery and to continue to have his ears medicated. He especially did not like us medicating his ears and even with the use of a muzzle and two of us trying to put medicine in his ears, we were unable to treat him. We ended up taking him to the vet twice a week to be medicated. Even then it took two vet techs and myself to get his ears medicated. Buster recovered from his infection and hematoma and settled into a regular household routine. Buster was also very overweight at 95 lbs with little energy and no interest in any play. We worked with Buster to get his weight down and his energy up. He began to play ball little by little. Buster continued to improve and we believed that he was ready for an adoptive family in early 2013. A young couple was selected to adopt Buster and he moved in with them in mid-May 2013. Sadly that adoption did not work and Buster came back to us in late May 2013. Buster again settled in as a regular member of the family and got deeper and deeper into our hearts. Buster loves to ride in the car and will beg every time we start for the garage to go along. Most of the time he gets to go and if I am driving the convertible, he loves it even more. By the end of 2013 we came to the realization that Buster could not leave us and that we had to adopt him ourselves. Buster became my 2013 Christmas present, one of the best ones ever. Buster always got along with our dog Krystal and other foster dogs that came into our lives. Buster is now living the good life and gets along with everyone. He is the hit of our church outings and everyone loves him and he loves the additional attention he gets. This story started out as "Oh No" and is now "Oh Yes".....Karol & Bob Hickman



**These wonderful
seniors just came
in...**

Daisy and Lizzie

Daisy (GH874) & Lizzie (GH873) Ages 8 & 9

A pair of seniors that found themselves at the shelter when the owner became ill and no family member wanted them, are now proud members of the GoldHeart family.



Lily Beth (GH875)

Lily Beth, age 15, found herself at the shelter when owners passed away and no family member wanted her. Another proud member of the GoldHeart family. Lily Beth will be made a Long Term Foster so that she can adjust to one last "forever" home in her golden years.

Our website has a Long Term Foster page where you can make a donation to GoldHeart if you care to for the continuing care of these golden oldies and keep them comfortable in their last years.

CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Rusty left us on February 10, 2014. We all have that one companion who enters our lives when we need them most. Rusty was that companion. The attached picture will give you an idea of how kind and gentle he was with everyone he met. The cat in the picture is a rescue named Charlie. He was the only cat that would not come to anyone at the shelter. As it were, that was the one my daughter picked. I wasn't sure how this cat would take to the dogs. I knew that Rusty was good with cats. Within a minute of being home, Charlie went right to Rusty and the friendship began. He once walked in a charity walk with me and met a little girl in a wheelchair. He waked the entire

5 miles next to the little girl never once leaving her side to go see another dog, or even running ahead as was the norm for him. He just knew, and that girl spent the afternoon talking and petting Rusty with his head on her lap. Mark Twain once said, "The two most important days of our lives are the day we are born and the day we find out why." Most of us have a hard time with the latter. As for Rusty, he knew the moment after he was born. Rest in peace my friend, and thank you for the privilege of letting us be a part of your life.

The Waters Family – Stepen, Tyler, Emilia and Mathew

A Special "Thank You"

Hi, I just made a donation of \$25 to GoldHeart and didn't see the field of "tell us what you did this for" till I hit the send button. The donation was made in the memory of Jake Chiffons, the beautiful golden of Bettylou and Bev Chiffons that crossed over the rainbow bridge yesterday.

Christy, Bob and Bo Lancaster



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