



GOLDEN HEARTBEATS

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW!!!! Summer took so long to get here and it is just flying by. We have already celebrated the 4th of July.

We have been really busy with intakes. We have taken in 19 dogs in the past 10 weeks. That's a lot of vetting that needed to be done. I do believe out of all those only 1 came in that did not need anything. At this rate we could see ourselves operating at a loss, which makes it hard for the dogs that need extra attention.

One of our biggest fundraisers is coming up on Aug 2. The CrabFeast. You can get information from the website or from this letter. This is a great time and all of the ladies that put this together have worked tirelessly to make this happen. Please contact Donna Blake at treasurer@goldheart.org and let her know how many tickets you would like to purchase. Guaranteed a good time will be had by all. All proceeds will benefit the goldens.

Not sure how many of you are on FaceBook but plenty has been going on about leaving dogs in hot cars. Now is the time of year just to let your golden boys and girls at home in the AC. I know they all like to go for rides but this is not the time. Also walk your golden in the early morning or late evening after the sun has gone down. The concrete and black top can be very hot and will burn the pads of their feet.

Please do not leave your golden or any pet outside for any length in the heat. Heatstroke is a horrible thing for the pets to go through. If your pet gets overheated get him/her to your vet immediately.

Make sure if you have a swimming pool, they do not get in it without supervision. Here in Pa. someone came home to their pet floating in the pool a few weeks ago. I happen to be fostering one right now that cannot swim very well. I know if she got in the pool when no one was here she would drown.

We have had quite a few families who have unfortunately had to help their four legged furry kids to the Rainbow Bridge. They are, of course, all in our prayers. Many, many of us have all been in that heart breaking situation.

No date has been set for the picnic yet. Everyone will be notified in plenty of time. Hopefully we get to meet new GoldHeart members with their new furry kids.

Have a great rest of the summer

Barbara Schaefer

President

GoldHeart

BRAND NEW!!! CHECK THIS OUT!!!

WALK AND RAISE MONEY WITH “WOOFTRAX”



Dear GoldHeart Members:

We are pleased to tell you about a new program that is being introduced in our area. Now you can raise money for GoldHeart simply by WALKING YOUR DOG!!! Go to WoofTrax.com to learn more.

The mobile application is available for iPhone and Android systems and it's FREE! Participating rescues & shelters are listed by state. GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue can be found under Maryland.

There is no easier way to raise funds than by using the app every time you grab the leash. Whether you are walking with your dogs or by yourself, the app is a way to keep track of your walks, encouraging you to walk more every day. This is healthy for you and your dog. Plus, you have the satisfaction of knowing that your walking directly benefits GoldHeart!

You can now support us simply by walking your dog. Proceeds directly benefit the many homeless animals that come to our rescue each year and support the ongoing good work that we do in our community. Learn more at WoofTrax.com.

Please let us know what you think of the app. Thanks again for your continued support.

Sincerely;

GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue

SMILE PRETTY!

Here are some helpful hints on how to take a GREAT picture of your four legged family members!

- 1) Brush & Groom the dog.
- 2) Darker colored Goldens – The color can be shown off best in the sunlight outdoors. Indoors, the darker colors can sometimes look too dark and unattractive.
- 3) Lighter colored Goldens – Pictures taken indoors show off this color best. Make sure the lighting is adequate and turn on several lamps, etc. If the picture is taken outdoors, the extra light may cause the color to look washed or too close to white. This may be unattractive to some.
- 4) Goldens are best known for the will to please their owners, ease of trainability, and a friendly/gentle temperament. Pictures that show off these qualities are best.
- 5) Ask the dog to sit or lay down. This conveys obedience and training.
- 6) Put a bone or toy near them. Goldens need something to chew on so this places them in a proper setting.
- 7) Get eye contact with the camera. The eyes convey the gentle nature of a Golden.
- 8) An open mouth gives them a happy/content look.
- 9) Take several pictures and pick the one that best conveys the look/temperament of the dog.

7th Annual GoldHeart Crab Feast Fundraiser

Saturday August 2nd, 2014

Columbus Gardens – 4301 Klosterman Ave – Baltimore, MD 21236

\$46.00 per person

Live Band!!! – FAST FORWARD

Raffles – Wheels – Silent Auction

Menu:

Steamed Hard Shell Clams – MD Cream of Crab Soup – Pit Beef

VA Baked Honey Ham – Beef Barbecue – Macaroni & Cheese

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy – Corn on the Cob – Bread Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts – Soda – Coffee – Tea

Open Bar

For tickets please contact Donna Blake: treasurer@goldheart.org

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARDS THE RESCUE AND REHOMING OF OUR BELOVED GOLDEN RETRIEVERS.

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Donna at treasurer@goldheart.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 FOSTER HOME VOLUNTEERS!

CONTACT WWW.GOLDHEART.ORG FOR DETAILS

Some Happy Tails...

Hogan GH670



My wife Michelle and I lost our Yellow Lab, Annie about a year and a half before we started looking for a new furry friend. We decided a rescue dog would be a great way to give a deserving dog a “forever” home. We searched the internet for a few months and then we found Hogan’s funny face on GoldHeart.org. He was at a local foster mom. After meeting him, we had him over for a visit to make sure he would get along with our cat. Luckily it wasn’t an issue and we adopted him shortly thereafter. Hogan is deaf. It hasn’t been an issue for us. We still talk to him like he can hear us. He knows visual commands and he can tell time. He knows that 7pm is treat time and doesn’t let Mommy forget.

We have been proud parents for almost 4 years now. He is our personal greeter. He loves everyone. When we have get togethers, he is in heaven. He makes sure everyone has ample opportunity to pet him, even nosing your hand out of your pocket if it’s your turn. Hogan is a JOY. Thank you GoldHeart for all you do for these precious animals. – David S. Wonderly



Parker GH884

"Parker is happily living life with his forever family. He fits in perfectly and never seems to complain about anything. His extremely good manners surprise us every day. Thanks to his foster parents Eric and Beth for working with him. He enjoys long walks at a local walking track or just around the neighborhood. We love him so much and while living here he has made many new doggy best friends and even two cat friends (well, *he* thinks they’re *his* friends...the cats could say otherwise.). Parker also makes a really good alarm clock and is set to wake everyone up at 6:00 AM every morning. (Which is helpful when school starts back up here but during the summer, not so much.) Parker has proven that we couldn’t have asked for a better dog to welcome into the Kokoskie family. --- Natalie Kokoskie, age 14"

Another Happy Tail...

Haley GH854



My husband Eric and I adopted our first rescue dog the month after we got married in November 2001. Max was a seven month old mixed breed from the SPCA – some Australian Shepherd, some German Shepherd, and lots of unidentifiable canine. He was the perfect first dog, intelligent, easy to train, and adaptable to our ever changing schedule. He loved nothing more than talking long walks in the woods and was constantly at one of our sides. Max started losing weight around the time we began considering finding him a doggy companion with whom to share the household and to keep him energetic. Sadly for us, his weight loss was determined to be caused by advanced thyroid cancer and he died peacefully in August 2013.

Our family (which now includes three elementary age sons) was despondent without Max and began methodically discussing the type and characteristics of a dog we would want to adopt. Golden Retriever quickly rose to the top of the list and the boys were particularly excited to have a dog that would want to cuddle with them. After extensive research, we came across Goldheart, which met our goals of having another rescue dog and a golden retriever. We filled out our application and satisfactorily completed the home visit. After our family was approved, LaDonna, our Goldheart coordinator, offered us the opportunity to foster to adopt Haley, a two year old dog due to arrive from South Carolina in the fall. Haley had been found wandering the streets in South Carolina, was picked up by a high kill shelter, and eventually transferred to Don and Ronny's Animal Rescue. Given her predominant Golden Retriever appearance, she was taken on by Goldheart. The only glitch in her prompt arrival in Maryland was the unexpected diagnosis of heartworm, which required treatment in South Carolina. Although Goldheart did not know much information about Haley's past, we did know she was "fabulous with children" and adorable to look at. In her first pictures that we had the opportunity to see, Haley was super skinny but clearly beautiful and had a wonderful smile. We were convinced she "was the one" from the first look.

Haley arrived in Baltimore on a rainy evening in October. She came in an animal transport van with many other dogs due to be delivered up and down the East Coast. For having had so much transition over the previous few months of her life, Haley was super laid back and trusting. My boys were head over heels in love from their first greeting, and Haley lived up to every expectation of being cuddly and affectionate. Haley is unique and different from our first dog, but fills the void of his loss with her warm smile, her desire to please, and her gentle disposition. She loves being outside, loves her ears to be scratched, adores other dogs, and is wonderful with children. She rarely barks, is not food motivated, and does not jump on people when they arrive at the house. Within the first few weeks of living with us, Haley was the star member of our oldest son's birthday and now is one of the highlights of coming to our house to play. She travels well and spent Christmas with us in North Carolina. Adopting a rescue has been satisfying on so many levels and Goldheart helped us with each step to make sure Haley was the right dog for us and that we were the right family for her. Haley is now a forever member of our family and we are so grateful for all that she adds to our home....

Shannon Putman

Contact www.goldheart.org for information about adopting a wonderful Golden. So many are taken in each month that are in need of love and care and "forever" homes.

We need your help and support to maintain our rescue.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity over the years.

We could not survive without you.



CROSSING OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Rocko GH054



Back in 2001, we had Rosie, a standard poodle. Then we fell in love with Goldens, while we took care of a friend's dog. After perusing the GoldHeart website for some time, one day there was Rocko (GH054)

Rocko was adopted from GoldHeart on 3/28/01, and as you very well know, being a Golden Retriever, he was the best dog ever. He was 4 years old at the time of his adoption, and 16 when he passed.

Rocko lived the last 7 years of his life in the Panhandle of Florida with us and his adopted brother Ruben (from Emerald Coast Golden Retriever Rescue)

We were lucky enough to share our lives with this faithful, loving and handsome companion over the last 12 years. He was a big part of our family, and we miss him.

Thanks GoldHeart!!

Callie GH760

In February of 2012 a scruffy, little red Golden Retriever arrived at my front door via Goldheart transport. I didn't know what to expect when I agreed to foster this 12 year old who had spent the last 6 years of her life in an outside kennel. She had the longest foot fur I'd ever seen! Little dust mops attached to the bottom of her legs. A good bath and grooming revealed a really cute female golden with a lovely little girl look and a huge sparkle in her eye. At first she was cautious about her new environment, she even hesitated to come through the door.

It didn't take long though for her personality to come through and in no time it seemed like she realized all the things she had been missing and was ready to make up for lost time. There wasn't a bag or purse that she didn't investigate. Visitors soon learned not to sit anything on the floor and heaven forbid anyone left the downstairs bedroom door open. Especially if there were coats on the bed...every pocket would be cleaned out. There wasn't a piece of paper that she didn't tear, chew or attempt to eat including reports for work, lists for the store and most of all tissues. And, Calie was quick and a planner. If a meal was finished but not put away Calie would go to the living room, find something to get into, then when I would be picking up the pieces...again...she would head back to the dining room and I'd find her with her hind legs on the dog bed, front legs on a chair and tablecloth pulled just enough to grab whatever she could from the table.

Goldheart has a wonderful network of foster families and from time to time we will puppy sit for each other. I asked another family if they would be able to take care of Calie when I went away for a few days. I was grateful that Calie was welcomed to stay even after I explained that she, dear thing that she was, required vigilance that most 12 year old goldens might not require.

Now I must say, Calie was perfectly house trained, didn't chew furniture and wasn't really destructive, to furniture, clothing, books, etc and she was a nice friendly dog. She wasn't especially needy and was mostly an easy pup to have around. She didn't love puppies but that wouldn't be a problem in a household with older dogs. Everything was set for a visit with her new friends, human and canine. I suggested that if she was going to be home alone she be crated. That was ok until she slammed the crate around enough so that she could reach into carryalls and bags in the office and there was reportedly something about a loaf of bread during that first visit. I sure hope no one had to go without lunch that day! When I came back to pick Calie up after my getaway we had a good laugh and Calie was welcomed to return which she did several times during the two plus years that she made her home with me. Calie lived life to the fullest and made me laugh so many times I couldn't begin to keep count. I learned to keep my pocket book off the floor, keep the trash cans up or closed, and NEVER leave the bathroom door open. Calie was a great walking partner and until the last two months of her life she was ready to head out as soon as she heard the leash rattle. Even then when she was no longer able to go for a two mile hike she still wanted to be on the go and happily went for a car ride whenever she had the chance.

Although her physical heart couldn't keep her going any longer she never lost her spirit during her final days. As her heart continued to fail I had to face the reality that her life was coming to end and that a dog that lived every moment to the fullest as she did was a dog's life worthy of celebration. The sadness was mine, not Calie's. I believe that she headed full on to the Rainbow Bridge and that she will meet us there with a tissue in her mouth and a sparkle in her eye! I will miss her for always.





Lily Beth GH875

Sometimes we receive such unexpected gifts...a treasure that arrives in a flash and is gone just as quickly but an indelible memory remains. A memory so sweet you know you will never forget.

As happens sometimes Lily Beth's elderly family passed away and Lily Beth found herself alone. She was 15 years old when she came to Goldheart from a shelter and foster in W.VA. Thanks to the generosity of donors to Goldheart Golden Retriever Rescue Lily Beth received the medical care and pain relievers that she so desperately needed.

Although her time with us was very short we had plenty of time to realize what a sweet, sweet, girl she was and also to learn that her very favorite food was toast! She may have had diminished hearing and vision but she could grab the scent of toast from any room in the house. I often thought that she was remembering the people who loved her when her nose led her to a bite of toast.

The Rainbow Bridge called her home to meet her family who loved her for much longer than I did, and yes, the aroma of toast lingered in her wake.

Ripken went to the Rainbow Bridge very suddenly having shown no obvious signs of the [liver cancer](#) that took his life way too soon for me. Though not a GoldHeart rescue, Ripken welcomed many fosters into his [home](#). He and his buddy Cooper showed them by example what living in their household should look like.

He was an incredibly intelligent, spirited and clever fellow with a wonderful '[joie de vivre](#)'. He was game for just about anything you asked of him and some things you didn't. His tail was always wagging even when you were scolding him as if to say, "Ahh, lighten up mom!" and you just had to laugh. One game he 'invented' was to drop a ball in a shoe then toss the shoe until it came out then play the game all over again. Training the out-of-sight stays for the obedience ring after earning his first title was amusing to him if not to me as invariably I'd look around the corner only to find him on the other side grinning with that tail going a hundred miles an hour doing anything but a stay. I was the one to go home 'tail between my legs' on more occasions than I care to admit. He'd be happy as a clam. He never could stay in one place very long for fear of missing something.

Everything else about training he loved and was a quick study. Go figure. The teamwork we developed doing obedience paid off when I decided to foster. He made everything look like fun and they wanted to be part of it. To say I miss him terribly is an understatement and Cooper is not himself without his buddy. To say rest in peace isn't fitting as I'm sure he's still grinning with that tail going fast as ever as he runs to greet Cooler, Drifter, Sadie, Gordy and Beau at the bridge as if to say "Wanna play and by the way, are there any Jolly Balls around here!"



Farewell, my Song N Dance Man. You will be forever in my heart.

Ripken

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